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Mobile services cut as Manipur burns

A Tribal Solidarity March in Manipur (pic) on Wednesday to oppose the demand for the inclusion of the Meitei community in the ST category, which triggered sporadic violence in the state. Mobile data services across Manipur were suspended for five days to restore peace. Miscreants vandalised and torched some houses at Torbung on the border of Bishnupur-Churachandpur districts | EXPRESS | P10



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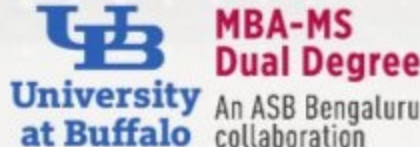


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PM's rally: Brace for jams on May 6

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will take part in a mega roadshow in the city on Saturday. Over 10 lakh people are expected to participate in the roadshow.

The roadshow will begin at 11 am near Suranjandas Road and cover Mahadevapura, CV Raman Nagar, Shanthinagar and Shivajinagar Assembly constituencies. It will continue at 4 pm in Bengaluru South and cover Bommanahalli, Jayanagar, Padmanabhanagar, Basavanagudi, Chickpet, Chamara-jpet, Gandhinagar, Vijayanagar, Govindarajanagar, Rajajinagar, Mahalakshmi Layout and Malleswaram constituencies.

Modi will cover 36.6 km in Bengaluru East, South, West and Central areas. **P4**

CHANT 'JAI BAJRANGBALI!' WHEN YOU VOTE, MODI TELLS VOTERS

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Hattikeri (Uttara Kannada)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi began BJP's election campaign in Uttara Kannada on Wednesday with "Bharat mata ki jai" followed by "Bajrangbali ki jai", probably to remind voters about the Congress party's promise to ban Bajrang Dal if voted to power.

Modi, who referred to various issues, including 40% commission and jibes at him and his party in the state, ended his speech with an appeal to vote for his party. He requested the people to respond to his appeal by displaying the flash lights on their cellphones and said, "Please cast your vote and do not forget to chant Jai Ba-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a campaign in Bailahongal in Belagavi district on Wednesday | EXPRESS

jrangbali when you exercise your franchise."

The Prime Minister said that although BJP emerged as the single-largest party in the pre-

vious Assembly elections, it was forced to sit in the Opposition as Congress colluded with JDS to form the government. "Later, when BJP came to power with Yediyurappa as CM, all that his government did was to sweep the "kachra" (trash) left in the state by the two coalition partners," he added.

He alleged that during Congress rule, there were 10 crore fake ration cardholders in the country. The Congress party created fake identities to siphon off money under various central schemes. "I exposed this. This is the reason why leaders of that party are targeting me," he said. He said BJP believes in "People First" policy while the Congress believes in "Corruption First". **P6**

Fight gets tough for Siddu in Varuna after Shah promises 'big post' for Somanna

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah's announcement that if voters in the Varuna Assembly constituency ensure the victory of BJP candidate V Somanna then he will be given an "important position" is making the election tough for Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah, who is one of the frontrunners for the chief minister's post if the party is elected to power after the May 10 Assembly polls.



The former chief minister will now have to work harder in his own backyard, which was till now considered a safe seat for him. Of the total electorate of 2,34,533 in the constituency, around 60,000 voters are Lingayats, the community that Somanna belongs to. While Shah didn't specify the position that the former minister would get, the mere mention of Somanna becoming a "bada admi" has enthused the rank and file of the safe fron party in the constituency.

Political analysts wondered if it was the CM's post that would be on offer as a way to counter the narrative built by Siddaramaiah that the voters could see the next chief minister by electing him. Though it is known in party circles that Somanna is not on good terms with former chief minister and Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa, Shah ensured that both flanked him during campaigning to send out a message that the two leaders are working together.

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EXPRESS READ Ajay Banga appointed World Bank President

Washington: Ajay Banga was on Wednesday appointed the next World Bank President. Banga, the first Indian-American to head the global financial institution, was nominated by President Joe Biden in February | **P13**

No apex court relief for Beant Singh's killer

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday declined to commute the death penalty of Balwant Singh Rajoana, who was convicted in the 1995 assassination case of then Punjab CM Beant Singh, to life | **P9**



Screen grab from a footage showing a flying object exploding near Kremlin | TWITTER

Russia alleges drone attacks on the Kremlin

Claims Ukraine sent them to kill Putin; prez safe; Lavrov to attend Goa SCO meet today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IN what could dramatically escalate the Ukraine war, Moscow said on Wednesday that Kyiv targeted Kremlin with drones to assassinate Vladimir Putin. The Russian president was not at the site and there were no casualties, it added.

Two drones were destroyed using electronic warfare systems before they could strike, the Kremlin said. A video footage shared on social media showed a flying object exploding into a ball of flames over the roof of the Senate Palace, one of the main buildings within the Kremlin compound.

Ukraine denied the charge that it sent the drones with president Volodymyr Zelenskyy saying: "We don't attack Putin or Moscow. We fight on our territory. We are defending our villages and cities."

Alleging the attack a staged one, Ukraine's presidential spokesperson Mik haylo

Podolyak said Russia may be gearing up for a massive attack on Ukraine.

The strike, which Moscow termed a 'terrorist act', gives Russia a strong reason to go after the top leadership of Ukraine, including Zelenskyy. Already, Russia's parliament speaker Vyacheslav Volodin called for "destroying the Kyiv regime".

The drone launch is the latest in a series of incidents — including train sabotage — ahead of Russia's WW-II victory celebrations on May 9. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Victory Day parade will go ahead as scheduled with "no changes to the plans".

Also, Russia's foreign minister Sergey Lavrov is scheduled to participate in the SCO meeting in Goa on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Zelenskyy, who is in Finland to attend a summit with Nordic leaders, said Ukraine will soon launch a large-scale counteroffensive against Russian forces. **P12**



Kyiv made an attempt to strike the Kremlin residence of the President of Russia with unmanned aerial vehicles
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Same-sex couples win Round I

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday got a commitment from the Centre on setting up a high-level committee to examine the matter of providing basic social rights to same-sex couples, like joint bank accounts or nominating a partner in insurance for those in cohabitory relationships, days after it had nudged it to do so.

As it would need coordination with more than one ministry, a committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary will be constituted, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted before a five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud. The LGBTQIA+ petitioners, he said, could interact with the panel, which would try to address their requests so far as "possible and legally permissible".

The CJI termed the initiative a big step, saying with this the Centre has accepted the right of same-sex couples to cohabit as a socially accepted reality. He added that the court was ready to play the role of a facilitator for progress for wider social acceptance of the right to cohabit. The CJI added that if the court had to come to the conclusion that interpreting the provisions of Special Marriage Act, 1954, was not simple and involved inter-linkages with other statutes and personal law, it didn't want members of the LGBTQIA+ to be in a situation where they did not have anything else "available in hand".

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WHEN A GIANT FALLS...

A massive tree was uprooted in HAL 2nd Stage after a spell of heavy rain lashed Bengaluru on Wednesday evening | EXPRESS

Midwife caught doing unauthorised abortions

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@ Bengaluru

A midwife, Saujanya, who was allegedly practising midwifery without a licence at her house in Sirsi taluk in Tumkur district, has landed in trouble for unauthorised abortion.

Nodal officer of Karnataka State Comprehensive Abortion Service, Dr Chandrika BR said, "When I visited, no abortion was being performed, but several medicines, MTP kits, medical reports and disposed sanitary napkins amongst other things were found, confirming unauthorised practice," she said.

The midwife carried out the procedures on a diwan bed in a small study room. An FIR has been filed and further investigations are on.

She noted that such cases of unauthorised abortions are

prevalent in most parts of Karnataka as women with unwanted pregnancies tend to visit such clinics fearing disclosure and also to avoid hospital registration process.

Unauthorised abortions can lead to death as well as morbidities like permanent infections, infertility, and spread of serious diseases, a release from the state health department highlighted.

Lack of awareness about using contraceptives will lead to unwanted pregnancy and choice of fatal abortion.

Karnataka health department stated that in abortion cases confidentiality is to be maintained as per the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act 1971. Hence, women must prioritise their health and only avail abortion services from a registered medical professional, the doctor said.

Bogus bills claimed for Covid mgmt: Activist to Lokayukta

TJ Abraham says ministers, officers embezzled funds showing it as expenditure towards ambulances and hearse vans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DURING the Covid-19 pandemic, money was claimed for ambulance service by falsely showing even two-wheelers as ambulances, resulting in embezzlement of Rs 26.34 crore out of Rs 821.22 crore spent by BBMP, says a complaint filed by an activist with Karnataka Lokayukta police on Wednesday.

Between March 2021 and October 2022, the accused mentioned in the complaint showed four-seater sedan maxicabs, three-wheeler autorickshaws, three-wheeler luggage carriers and two-wheeler motorcycles also as ambulances, and falsely claimed rentals for them, the complainant alleged, providing registration numbers of 13 such vehicles. According to the complaint filed by TJ Abraham, president of Anti-Graft and Environmental Forum, out of Rs 812.22 crore BBMP had

spent on hiring ambulances and hearse vans, expenditure on the same is Rs 125.9 crore. The total amount of bills gathered by the complainant, which were claimed for bogus maxicabs in the name of ambulances, is Rs 21.93 crore.

Engaging commercial vehicles and sedans to be used for controlling activities, BBMP raised bills of Rs 4.41 crore, giving rise to the probability of these claims also being fraudulent and fake. Suspicious claims requiring investigation would amount to Rs 26.34 crore.

"The specific detection of illegalities to the tune of Rs 26.34 crore out of Rs 821.22 crore spent by the BBMP leads to prima facie assumption/conclusion that there is probable embezzlement of the entire amount of Rs 821.22 crore spent by BBMP for Covid management. The suspected embezzlement of Rs 821.22 crore requires a comprehensive inquiry and

appropriate proceedings to bring the persons concerned to book," the complainant said, requesting Lokayukta police to register an FIR under provisions of the IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act.

The former chief minister, who was district in-charge of Bengaluru for Covid management, six cabinet ministers, senior IAS officers, doctors who were given charge of BBMP zones, and two travel agencies, were shown as accused in the complaint.

The complainant alleged that the former chief minister, zonal coordinating IAS officers, other BBMP officials and private contractors were allegedly involved in making fraudulent claims about deploying private ambulances, to cheat BBMP and the state exchequer. Sources said cognisance of the offences will be taken only after Lokayukta police are satisfied there is a prima facie case.

Crackdown on contraband goods in trains, 400kg ganja seized

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

NEARLY 400 kilograms of ganja valued at around Rs 3 crore have been seized while being transported on trains through the South Western Railway Zone. The seizure made by both the Government Railway Police and the Railway Protection Force is a result of stringent checks being carried out in line with the Election Commission's orders to maintain strict vigil to book violators of the MCC.

GRP sources said that 154.8 kgs of ganja valued at over Rs 1.32 crore have been seized. Cash totalling Rs 30 lakh and 348 litres of liquor valued at Rs 1.52 lakh have also been seized on trains and stations across Karnataka. "Ganja came mainly from Bhuvaneshwar and Odisha, while liquor was being brought from Telangana/Andhra Pradesh to Raichur, Yadgir and Belgaum," the source said.

In the case of cash seizures, anyone carrying cash above Rs

50,000 which cannot be accounted for has been taken into custody, he added.

A top RPF official said that 237.49 kgs of ganja valued at Rs 1.67 crore was seized and 14 suspects were detained. A total of 243 bottles of liquor worth Rs 1.27 lakh has been seized and two arrested. Cash valued at Rs 1 crore and 4.5 lakh have been recovered and three suspects detained.

The RPF official said that ganja came from Chattisgarh, Odisha and North East India.



Ganja concealed inside bags seized from passengers in trains | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Blacklisted cab driver arrested for misbehaving with woman passenger

Bengaluru: Three, including the driver of a cab aggregator, have been arrested by the High Grounds police. The driver has been charged for outraging the modesty of a woman passenger. The cab aggregator had blacklisted the driver, Amit Kumar (35), a native of Yadgir, an year ago for generating a fake trip. However, the accused created a fake driving license and RC with a different name, alias Chandrashekar, and used it to attach his car with the same cab aggregator. Two other accused, C Manjunath and Palaksha, are charged of forgery and cheating for helping the accused to create the fake documents. The victim, aged around 34 years, had booked the cab from Dickenson Road to Bengaluru International Airport. During the ride, when she requested the over-speeding driver to slow down, the accused forced her to get down on Sankey Road after misbehaving with her. She filed a complaint two days after the incident on April 19 and the driver was arrested on April 25th. The other two were arrested following the confession statement of the driver. All three have been remanded in judicial custody. Further investigations are on.

IISc researchers use 3D tech to develop non-invasive nerve injury treatment

Bengaluru: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have developed a way to repair nerves in a non-invasive procedure, making use of 3D printed gel-based sheets. The researchers of the Department of Materials Engineering said that the procedure can help in reducing the need for invasive surgery and heal damaged nerves faster. Currently, nerve injuries are treated by autograft-grafting tissue from one area of the body to the damaged area. However, these are risky, given the possibility of infection as well as highly intricate microsurgery. To reduce the invasiveness of the procedure, the researchers designed a type of 'smart' gel-based sheet using 3D printing, that can be automatically rolled into a tube to act as a nerve conduit to facilitate nerve regeneration. By means of 3D printing, the nerve to be repaired can be printed based on requirement. In addition, the 'smart' sheet can undergo shape change after it has been activated. The researchers, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, and Maharshi Markandeshwar University, were able to successfully repair and regenerate the sciatic nerve in rats.

BBMP's Employees Association to protest against health department on May 15

Bengaluru: Alleging that the health workers and staff of BBMP's East Zone are misusing public tax money, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Officers and Employees' Welfare Association will hold a massive protest before East Zone Joint Commissioner's office at Mayo Hall on May 15 demanding action against them. Association President Amrut Raj said, "We have already written a letter to the Joint Commissioner demanding that the health department doctors who have cheated be probed and their phone calls and other details be checked." He alleged that the son of a senior health official was involved in this corrupt practice of creating inflated bills from the east zone health workers' office and he is allegedly being shielded. "While revenue officials are given targets to generate revenue to palike, such dishonest health officials in the east zone are looting public with fake bills. We have received documents showing the use of fake bills, transfer of lakhs of rupees to benami accounts and then taking money from there." He added that the names and details of corrupt officials and accused will be shared shortly.



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15.	Lecturer in Occupational Therapy	01	₹ 60,000/-
16.	Assistant	01	₹ 45,000/-
17.	Orientation & Mobility Instructor	01	₹ 45,000/-
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19.	Director	01	₹ 90,000/-
20.	Assistant Professor (Medical PMR)	01	₹ 75,000/-
21.	Assistant Professor (Clinical Psychology)	01	₹ 75,000/-
22.	Assistant Professor (Special Education)	01	₹ 75,000/-
23.	Lecturer (Occupational Therapy)	01	₹ 60,000/-
24.	Lecturer (Physiotherapy)	01	₹ 60,000/-
25.	Administrative Officer	01	₹ 50,000/-
26.	Accountant	01	₹ 45,000/-
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29.	Assistant	01	₹ 45,000/-
30.	Clerk	01	₹ 25,000/-
31.	Clinical Assistant	02	₹ 50,000/-

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AGRICULTURE

- Complete all major irrigation projects like Upper Bhadra, Upper Krishna, Kalasa Banduri.
- Krishika Bandhu: Set up micro cold-storage facilities and agro-processing units in all Panchayats.
- Raitha Siri: Increase subsidies for millet cultivation from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 per hectare
- Increased incentive to dairy farmers from ₹5 to ₹7 per litre.

WOMEN & CHILD

- Suraksha Janani Bharavase: 6 nutritional kits and financial assistance, worth ₹21,000 for pregnant women.
- 3 free cooking gas cylinders to all BPL families annually - 1 each for Yugadi, Ganesh Chaturthi and Deepavali.
- Poshane Scheme: 1/2 litre Nandini milk daily and 5 kg siri dhanya with existing 5kg rice monthly for BPL households.

YOUTH

- Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Vojane: ₹10 lakh seed capital to one youth SHG each from all Panchayats.
- 'Samanvaya': Collaborations between SMEs and ITIs for training and apprenticeship.
- 7 international-grade multi-sports arenas with one arena in each zone, including a hockey stadium in Kodagu.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

- ₹1,500 crore to develop Kalyana Circuit, Banavasi Circuit, Parashurama Circuit, Kaveri Circuit and Ganagapura Corridor.
- ₹1000 crore under 'Devasthanas Jeernodhara Anudana' for restoration and upkeep of ancient temples.
- Overall development of areas surrounding temples in Banavasi, Sirsi, Banashankari, Ganagapura, Kollur, and others.

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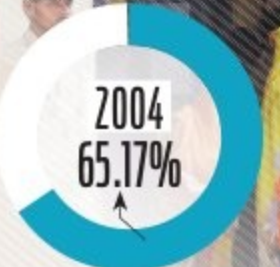
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VOTE FROM HOME

IN K'TAKA ON MAY 3, 2023
11,461

IN B'LURU
212

OPTED IN BENGALURU
9,271

AVES* IN BENGALURU
211

AVES OPTED IN BENGALURU
804

TOTAL VOTE FROM HOME IN KARNATAKA AS ON MAY 3, 2023
77,227

* ABSENTEE VOTERS IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

BJP netas visit K'taka only for polls and not calamities: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

JANATA Dal (Secular) leader and former chief minister **HD Kumaraswamy** on Wednesday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other Central BJP leaders for visiting Karnataka only ahead of elections and not during floods, drought and other natural calamities.

"Since elections are approaching, BJP leaders from Delhi are visiting the state. They should have come when Karnataka was in distress. What is PM Modi's contribution to the state?" he asked.

Questioning the BJP and Congress over their contribution to the irrigation sector, the former CM said, "It has been 10 years since the Krishna Tribunal verdict came out... what have the Congress and BJP done for irrigation? PM Modi claims JDS has done injustice to farmers. Shouldn't he also say what he has done for farmers?"

On the controversy over the Congress manifesto saying it would ban PFI and Bajrang Dal if voted to power, the JDS leader said, "Will banning solve the problem? Both parties should think about it. Innocents are being used by Bajrang Dal. Their minds are being corrupted and destroyed. Those who harm innocent people must be crushed first. Why didn't the Congress ban them when they were in power for five years?" he asked.

"PM Modi ji is criticising us saying we don't have an ideology. But if we ally with the BJP, will our ideology suddenly earn his approval?" he quipped.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Padma Shri recipients Tulsi Gowda and Sukri Bommagowda during his visit to Ankola, Uttara Kannada, on Wednesday

VOTE FOR BJP AND MAKE INDIA THIRD BIGGEST ECONOMY: PM

VINCENT D'SOUZA & SUNIL PATIL
@Mangaluru, Bailhongal (Belagavi district)

STATING that it is his dream to make India the third biggest economy in the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday appealed to the people of Karnataka to support BJP in the May 10 polls to fulfill this dream.

Addressing an election rally at Mulki near Mangaluru, he said the country is the fifth-biggest economy in the world today because of the robust road map laid by him. While Bharatiya Janata Party has resolved to make Karnataka number one in industrial development, agriculture, fisheries, health, education and other spheres, Congress wants to turn it into an ATM for a family in Delhi, he added.

He appealed first-time voters to choose BJP if they care about their future and that of the state. "A dream career will not be possible if Congress is in power. There is a need for a stable government for that," he said.

He alleged that Congress is the enemy of peace and development as it promotes terrorism. "The accused in serial bomb blasts in Rajasthan that killed over 50 people were acquitted when Congress was in power in that state," the prime minister alleged.

At the campaign rally in Bailhongal taluk, Belagavi district, Modi said people should be careful of 'shortcut governance' by Congress and Janata Dal (Secular). "Both the parties resort only to vote bank politics and aim to divide communities on the basis of caste, creed and



PM Modi poses with a Yakshagana headgear presented to him | PFI

religion. But the people of the 21st century will not give power to shortcut governments and instead back BJP," he added.

This time, people of the state have decided to elect BJP with a full majority, as the party has won the trust of all classes and communities.

"We have launched the 'Aspirational District Programme' for the balanced development of the whole district. We are now working on an aspirational block development programme. Development of Karnataka is the sutra for the success of the double engine government," he said.

"Congress and other parties are engaged in a conspiracy to change the image of the state. People should be cautious. The BJP government and Modi want to work as servants of the people, whereas Congress and JDS leaders are the servants of the royal family of Delhi," he said and alleged that JDS is a private limited company of one family.

BJP diverting people's attention from actual issues, says Priyanka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Indi (Vijayapura district) / Bidar

IN a scathing attack on the BJP ahead of next week's Karnataka Assembly elections, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Wednesday said the saffron party was diverting public attention from real issues such as inflation and corruption.

Addressing a rally in Indi town, Priyanka also held the voters responsible for getting driven by emotional issues raised by the BJP and continuing to vote for the party.

She said that people should become conscious of their rights and vote for development and not on the basis of religion and sentimental issues. "Unfortunately, during elections, you forget to think about your future and the future of your children while voting. You vote for irrelevant issues raised by the BJP," she told the gathering.

Priyanka said that she has not come merely to seek votes for the Congress, but has come to awaken the conscience of the voters towards real issues such as unemployment, corruption, education, health etc.

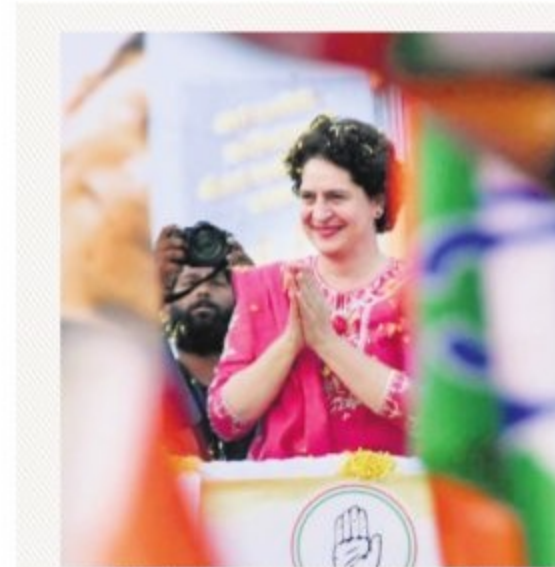
"The BJP State Government has looted not less than Rs. 1.5 lakh crore during its tenure. It is the huge amount which could bring radical changes in the lives of people if spent properly. The money could have been used to build at least 100 AIIMS, 187 ESI hospitals, over 30,000 smart classes and 30 lakh houses for the poor," the Congress leader said.

Priyanka also accused the BJP of trying to weaken Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) by trying to bring Amul of Gujarat into Karnataka.

"I want to ask the BJP that how come the milk production in Karnataka declined only during the BJP rule while the milk was sufficient during the Congress regime. Because of the sufficient availability of milk, the Congress launched the Ksheera Bhagya scheme where milk was offered to students. It only means that the BJP is conspiring to weaken the local Nandini brand to help Amul of Gujarat," she said.

Meanwhile, addressing a rally in Bidar, Priyanka said that the BJP wants only power and for it, the party won't even hesitate to crush people. She said the BJP was looting the people of Karnataka.

Narendra Modi still says that he has a dream of developing Karnataka, she said, adding, "The whole world calls the Prime Minister 'omnipotent', 'supreme', 'greatest of all' and 'vikas purush', the she said, asking "You (Modi) are supreme, omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. Why couldn't you fulfill your dream?"



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi campaigns for party candidates in Bidar on Wednesday | KPN

SURJEWALA HITS OUT AT RAJASTHAN BJP MLA FOR HIS REMARK ON KHARGE

BENGALURU: AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala hit out at Rajasthan BJP MLA Madan Dilwar over his recent remarks on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge that he is 80 years old and God can take him any time. Addressing the media, Surjewala alleged that the statement by the BJP MLA was made to please PM Narendra Modi and urged that the latter should apologise for it. "Do you not remember that Karnataka BJP Minister CN Ashwath Narayan in a public meeting in Mandya gave a call to murder Siddaramaiah? Do you not remember that he admitted this fact on the floor of the Assembly? We want to ask PM Modi why he is silent on his MLA's death wish for Kharge? Are BJP people abusing Kharge to please the PM?", he said. He alleged that the BJP has unleashed its leaders to attack stalwarts like Kharge who rose from the block president level to become the AICC president. **ENS**

I too was abused, but I never cried: Kharge to Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kalaburagi

AICC president **Mallikarjun Kharge** on Wednesday took Prime Minister Narendra Modi to task for making abuses against him an election issue.

Kharge said he too has been verbally abused, but has not gone to the public like Modi has done. The Prime Minister and BJP senior leaders have hurled abuses at Congress senior leader Sonia Gandhi calling her a widow and an Italian lady. "They have also called AICC president Rahul Gandhi names, but none of us have reacted the way Modi did," he added.

"Modi is trying to gain sympathy by telling people that he is from a low caste. I have come from the lowest caste, but I never cried," he said.

On the Congress manifesto that says the party would ban Bajrang Dal if it comes to power, which seems to have triggered a controversy giving BJP a certain advantage in the polls, Kharge said senior Congress leaders have prepared the manifesto and BJP is turning it into a big issue just to get political mileage.

On BJP saying Congress guarantees are impossible to implement, he said once the party comes to power, they will definitely make them a reality. "In the last Assembly elections, we had given 165 assurances, and of them, 158 were implemented. Orders on the latest assurances will be issued at the first cabinet meeting if we come to power," he said.



EC issues notice to Priyanka on 'nalayak beta' jibe

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THE Election Commission of India (ECI) issued show cause notice to Chittapur Congress MLA Priyanka Kharge for his alleged 'nalayak beta' remark on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, having found prima facie, that he had violated the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). It called on him to show cause by 5pm Thursday, as to why appropriate action should not be taken against him for violation of MCC.

It follows a complaint lodged on Tuesday with the ECI by BJP leaders Piyush Goyal, Anil Baluni and Om Pathak, that Priyanka had, at a public meeting in Kalaburagi on April 30, used abusive language against the Prime Minister.

"How would it have been if such a useless son had sat there, brother? How would the house be run?" was Priyanka's statement. "The video of the speech was examined in light of the provisions of MCC and the following part has been found to be violative of the MCC..." it said. "...In the event of no response from your side within the stipulated time, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in the matter, and the Election Commission will take appropriate action or decision..." the EC warned.

"Parties and candidates shall refrain from criticism of all aspects of private life, not connected with the public activities of leaders and workers of other parties... The Election Commission, while expressing deep anguish on the progressively plummeting levels of political discourse, put political parties on notice that repeated violation of Model Code may invite action against them."

What is the link between Bajrang Dal and Hanuman, questions Shivakumar

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KPCC president **DK Shivakumar** on Wednesday said the promise of banning Bajrang Dal in the Congress manifesto is being misinterpreted.

"We are also devotees of Lord Hanuman. But what is the connection between Hanuman and Bajrang Dal, which are different from each other? Bajrang Dal cannot become Hanuman only because of its name. Activists from the organisation are violating the law through moral policing. Our objective is to ensure that they stay within the ambit of law. The essence of our manifesto has been misinterpreted," he told reporters.

Asked if Congress should withdraw this promise, he said, "BJP is trying to set a new narrative. Why should we be scared? We have only said in our manifesto that legal action will be

taken against organisations that disturb peace in society."

Defending the manifesto, AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said Bajrang Dal is known for committing violence in the name of Lord Hanuman.

"It is not a communal issue. We have stated in our manifesto that action will be taken against those who violate the Constitution. If a Dalit youth, Dinesh, is killed in broad daylight by a Bajrang Dal activist, is it not a violation of law? When the Dalit Sangharsh Samithi approached the chief minister, he did not even meet the family of the deceased. We will take strict action against anyone who spreads hatred and enmity," he said. "BJP and its leaders don't know Hanuman Chalisa, all that they know is chalis (40)," he said referring to the allegation of 40 per cent commission in the BJP government.

CHALISA TO BE CHANTED IN TEMPLES TOMORROW

Bengaluru: The Bajrang Dal has called on people to chant the Hanuman Chalisa in Hanuman temples across the state at 7pm on Friday, to protest against the Congress manifesto promising a ban on the Bajrang Dal if voted to power in the May 10 Karnataka Assembly elections. The chanting will be held in Hanuman temples as well as other temples. The message was shared on social media platforms. "The Congress does not have any eligibility to understand what the organisation is doing. We oppose the Congress manifesto that has compared Bajrang Dal with PFI. We don't take part in any anti-nation activities..." said Suryanarayana, all-India co-convenor of Bajrang Dal.

No proposal before Cong to ban Bajrang Dal, clarifies ex-CM Moily

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SENIOR Congress leader and former chief minister **M Veerappa Moily** said that there was no proposal before the party to ban Bajrang Dal in Karnataka if elected to power in the state.

Moily was reacting to queries by media persons in Udupi on Wednesday in the aftermath of protests by many sections against the Congress manifesto mentioning a ban on Bajrang Dal and Popular Front of India (PFI).

Moily said that the proposal by Congress would have been made on the back-drop of the

Supreme Court directing all states and UTs to register cases against those making hate speeches. "A State Government cannot ban any organisation. KPCC president DK Shivakumar will clarify it," he added.

"The BJP, which adores former Union Home Minister late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, should remember that he had banned the RSS after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. But the then PM Jawaharlal Nehru had revoked the ban order and had said that any organisations cannot be banned like that as it would dent the

democratic spirit of the people," he added.

"Our manifesto unveiled on Tuesday stated that if any organisation be it PFI or Bajrang Dal engage in damaging the peaceful atmosphere in society, then they may have to be banned," he added.

Later, speaking to reporters, AICC spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi by comparing Lord Hanuman to Bajrang Dal has humiliated the religious sentiments of the people. "The Prime Minister should apologise," the Congress leader said.

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DK Shivakumar, KPCC chief



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Randeep Surjewala, Cong leader

ANTI-BJP FRONT? NITISH TO MEET NAVEEN

Meet assumes significance as BJD and JDU have not come up with final schedule for 2024 LS elections

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AFTER Trinamool Congress boss Mamata Banerjee's visit, it is Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's likely meeting with his Odisha counterpart Naveen Patnaik here on May 5 which has fueled political speculations yet again.

Though neither BJD nor JD (U) has come up with a final schedule for the meeting, sources indicated the topic of formation of an anti-BJP front before

the election is likely to be raised when the two leaders catch up.

The Bihar CM and Janata Dal (United) president had last met the Naveen on March 7, 2017. The meeting, however, did not yield any political outcome as the BJD stayed away from joining any camp in the 2019 elections.

Sources in BJD maintained there should not be much speculation over the meeting as the elections are still 12 months away. Besides, the regional party follows the policy of equi-distance between the BJP and Con-



gress. Therefore, there is no chance of an alignment with any camp as of now, sources added.

The BJD has, so far, skipped all meetings aimed at forging a third front. While it has been

supporting the NDA government at the Centre on almost all important issues since 2019, the two parties have begun to adopt an aggressive stand against each other ahead of the 2024 elections.

The Bihar CM met his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal, Mamata, Samajwadi Party president Ashwini Kumar Yadav before his Odisha visit. Earlier in April, after meeting prominent opposition leaders in Delhi, Nitish had announced he will travel across the country to

unite opposition parties.

The meeting between the Odisha chief minister and his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee on March 23 at Naveen Nivas had also raised similar speculations. However, Mamata went on to term the meeting a 'courtesy call.'

Naveen, who maintained no 'political discussions' were held, had said: "We resolved to make the federal structure of the country permanent and strong. There was no other political discussion."

HC dismisses arguments against The Kerala Story

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KERALA High Court has observed that the certificate issued to the controversial film 'The Kerala Story' prima facie shows that several modifications/insertions/ excisions were carried out before granting the certificate. The court issued the order on May 2 and it was uploaded on the website on Wednesday.

A Division Bench comprising Justice N Nagesh and Justice Mohammed Nias C P issued the order on a petition filed by advocate Anoop V R, of Thrissur, seeking to stay the release of the film. He also sought to declare that the 'A' certification issued by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for the movie 'The Kerala Story' is illegal. The petitioner argued that the movie's teaser was released, showcasing that around 32,000 women were converted and deployed in the terror mission, and the said movie portrays events that do not exist in reality.

The petitioner argued that the teaser did not get the permission of the Board. "If that is his case, the petitioner should have moved this court much earlier, not when the movie was about to be released on May 5. It is also to be noted that the allegations made against the Board that the certificate was issued without any application of mind cannot be accepted," said the court.

The court also said that without viewing the movie, allegations need not be entertained just on the basis of the teaser.



HAL signs MoU with IICA to train officers

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THE Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) have signed a memorandum of understanding to offer better training in leadership and governance to officers.

The collaboration will be both academic and research oriented, specifically in curating training programmes for HAL officers in areas of governance, leadership, finance and strategy. "IICA looks forward to collaborate with HAL as a step for officers to enhance their competitive edge while operating in a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment," said Praveen Kumar, IICA Director General and CEO.

The two organisations will work together to design training programmes for officers of HAL as well as other organisations, and as a collaborative effort towards research and consultancy. "The MoU will provide sustained collaboration between the two reputed institutions in the spirit of industry-academia interface," said C B Ananthakrishnan, CMD, HAL.



VENTING THEIR IRE

Police detain CITU members for protesting against the proposed privatisation of Vizag steel plant in Vijayawada on Wednesday | PRASANTH MADUGULA

SC sets aside HC stay on SIT probe in Amaravati land case

SHRUTI KAKKAR @NewDelhi

IN a legal victory, the Supreme Court gave green light to the State government on Wednesday by setting aside the Andhra Pradesh High Court order, which had stayed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into alleged irregularities in the land deals in Amaravati during the previous TDP regime.

The Jagan Mohan Reddy government issued a notification in June 2019 to appoint a

Cabinet Sub-Committee to scrutinise key decisions taken by the previous TDP government following the bifurcation of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh.

The first report of the Sub-Committee on December 27, 2019 had highlighted alleged irregularities concerning various projects, including in the Capital Region Development Authority (AP CRDA). On February 20, 2020, the State government had set up SIT to un-

dertake investigations into these allegations. However, both the notifications were stayed by the high court indefinitely, which led the State to approach the top court for relief.

While hearing the matter, a Supreme Court bench led by Justice MR Shah observed, "State is justified in saying that the high court has misunderstood the two GOs. The same cannot be said to be overturning the decision of the previous government.

High court was not required to stay when the matter was at a premature stage."

The bench was of the opinion that the high court should have considered that State government had already made a representation to the Centre to refer the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The apex court stated that Centre is yet to take a call on the letter and the consent given by the Andhra Pradesh government.

BEST OF BOTH UK, INDIA LAUNCH EFFORT TO BOOST GREENER TRANSPORT

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IN what is being termed a 'superpower' partnership, India and the United Kingdom have launched a collaborative effort to ensure transition to net-zero transport systems in both the countries.

As part of the partnership—Innovating for Transport and Energy Systems (ITES)—the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) will serve as the in-country partner and work towards researching and developing ways to make transport greener and more affordable in both India and the UK, as well as tackling major decarbonisation challenges in the transport industry.

"ITES, which is anchored within the IST lab, will harness the UK and India's rich reputation for Research & Development and the strength of our business sectors to pioneer test beds that unlock better data, clearer decision-making and bolder collective action from industry and

leaders in the transport and energy sector," said Prof Ashish Verma, convener for the IISc Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab.

In particular, the aim of ITES will be to attract investors from both countries, towards working on cracking problems within the transportation system that prevent it from becoming completely net zero.

"Our ambition is that ITES will be a long-term, established base for UK-India superpower partnerships and programmes that shape the future of net-zero transport systems, and that can be expanded to other sectors over time. We are confident that this initiative will help accelerate the development of innovative solutions for greener transport systems in India and overseas, and bring us closer to our shared goal of net-zero emissions," said Sarah Fallon, Regional Director (India, Middle East), Science, Innovation and Tech, British High Commission.



'Direct flights from Bengaluru to Tel Aviv soon'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

TRAVELLING directly from Bengaluru to Israeli capital Tel Aviv will be possible some time later this year, said highly-placed sources.

When asked, **Tammy Ben Haim**, Israeli Consul General, Bengaluru, said it seems possible. At present, travellers from Bengaluru have a stopover at Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Muscat.

"It will make the countries more accessible to each other, and help in better cooperation," said Tammy Ben Haim. However, Delhi already has direct flights to Tel Aviv.

Haim spoke exclusively to *The New Indian Express* on the occasion of Israel celebrating 75 years of nationhood.

Asked if it has been a time of intermittent conflict, she said, "It has been, instead, 75 years of growth, a time when democracy has grown, of innovation and technology and definitely of challenges."

"Chronologically speaking, we are one step behind India, which celebrated its 75th year last year," she said.

"We are concentrating on how we have grown, developed and matured side by side, with all challenges we have faced as a nation."

Although textbooks tell us that Israel's history stretches thousands of years, way back to when they emerged from Egypt's Goshen region about 1200-1300 BC to form a new Jewish kingdom, with its history stretching a few thou-



sand years, yet the nation celebrates its 75th year of nationhood. The Israeli community in Bengaluru will celebrate it on Friday at a formal function, where they will recall the setting up of a new nation in 1948.

On Israeli PM Naftali Bennett's visit that got cancelled

last year, and the prospects of a visit by present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Bengaluru, she said, "There was a plan by PM Naftali Bennett to visit India and see South India and the innovations. It was cancelled. Now there is talk about PM Netanyahu visiting India some time this year."

She said the two nations were "collaborating in the areas of agriculture, food security, drip irrigation and using water, especially addressing the problem of water scarcity, where we are doing a lot". The two nations are cooperating in many cutting-edge areas of technological innovation, some of which are semiconductors and drones, among others.

IRREPARABLE LOSS

Veteran actor-director Manobala passes away

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

NOTED actor-director Manobala passed away on Wednesday after suffering a liver-related ailment. He was 69. He is survived by his wife and son.

Born as Balachander, the artist-turned-filmmaker took on the name of Manobala to stand out from the more illustrious Balachanders in Tamil cinema. It was actor-filmmaker Kamal Haasan who introduced Manobala to veteran director Bharathiraja, who, in turn, took him under his tutelage. After making his debut as an assistant director in Puthiya Vaarpugal (1979), Manobala went on to assist the ace filmmaker in films like Niram Maaraadha Pookal (1979), and Tik Tik Tik (1981). He also played cameos in these films, and with Aagaya Gangai (1982), starring Karthik and Suhasini, Manobala made his debut as a director. Over the next two decades, Manobala balanced his acting and directing careers and helmed 24 films. His last directorial venture was the 2002 Jayaram-starrer, Naina.

As a director, Manobala was known for dabbling in various genres, including horror, masala entertainers, thrillers, comedy, and romance. If his Oorkavalan, starring Rajinikanth, spoke about the bane of superstition, Pillai Nila was a solid horror thriller that finds itself in the annals of well-made Tamil horror films. A fascinating aspect



of his career was how, just like his guru Bharathiraja, Manobala too worked with many writers and concentrated solely on direction.

Over his 40+ year career, Manobala worked with actors like Sivaji Ganesan, Radika Sarathkumar, Rajinikanth, Vijayakanth, Ambika, Sathiyaraj, Mohan, Nalini, Vijay, Ajith, Karthi, Dhanush, Anushka, and Sivakarthikeyan. As his frequent collaborator and actor-filmmaker RJ Balaji told us, "Manobala was a unifying factor in the lives of many. He was a part of everyone's friends circle and was the reason for bringing them together. With a genuine concern for others, he kept in touch regularly." This aspect of Manobala was seen in his interactions with the stars of various generations, becoming the go-to connection between the present and past stars.

Manobala became an irreplaceable presence in Tamil cinema with him starring in almost 350 films, mostly in comic roles.

Condolences pour in from Stalin, politicians

CM MK Stalin and leaders of various political parties expressed their condolences over the demise of Manobala, who passed away on Wednesday morning. Stalin said that he was shocked and pained to know about the demise of Manobala and that his demise would be an irreparable loss to the Tamil cinema industry. He also recalled Manobala praising him after visiting the photo exhibition on Stalin. He also extended his condolence to his family members, cinema fraternity, fans and friends. AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, O Panneerselvam, AMMK general secretary TVD Dhinarakaran, VK Sasikala, TNCC President KS Alagiri, BJP state president K Annamalai and others also expressed condolences.

EXPRESS READ		
KCR to inaugurate BRS office in Delhi today Hyderabad: Chief Minister and BRS supreme K Chandrababhan Naidu will inaugurate the party office in Delhi on Thursday. The Union government had allotted 1,500 sq yd for the BRS party office in Vasant Vihar in Delhi in October, 2020. BRS sources said that the party office in Delhi would help Rao in his efforts to expand the pink party across the country. ENS	Young space scientists win NASA award Vijayawada: A duo from Vijayawada, Sai Akshara Vemuri and Akash Chittineni, along with their team won an award under the Social Media Category in the Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC) 2023 from NASA. Director for NASA's Space, Time, Energy and Mass (STEM) Engagement Southeast Region Kevin McGhaw presented the award to the team in the under-19 category on April 22. ENS	ED raids offices of Manappuram Finance Kochi: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday raided the offices and houses of people linked with Manappuram Finance as part of a money-laundering probe launched against the company. The raids were held at Manappuram Finance headquarters, the residence of its managing director V P Nandakumar and two other offices in Thrissur. The raid which started at 7 am continued till 6 pm. ENS

IMD FORECASTS RAIN IN PARTS OF K'TAKA FOR FIVE DAYS

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THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast rain across most parts of Karnataka, especially South Interior Karnataka and Bengaluru, for the next five days.

Bengaluru city will also receive rainfall on Saturday and Sunday. It can be noted that Prime Minister Narendra

Modi will hold a series of rallies in the city on Saturday.

According to IMD officials, there is wind discontinuity from South West Madhya Pradesh to Tamil Nadu across interior Karnataka. There is also an upper air cyclonic circulation over north Tamil Nadu. "Due to the formation of these systems, rain has been forecast. While there will be light to moderate rain-

fall during the day, thunder showers are forecast during nights for most parts of interior Karnataka, including Bengaluru. Climinonimbus clouds will also form in the coming days which could lead to heavy rainfall," officials said.

However, IMD officials have not issued any alert or warning for Bengaluru.

The rain has brought some

respite from the summer heat. The city on Wednesday recorded a maximum temperature of 29 degrees Celsius, while the international airport recorded 29.9 degrees Celsius and HAL airport 29.2 degrees Celsius.

The city had recorded 1 mm rainfall, international airport recorded 0.2 mm and HAL airport reported just a trace, till 5.30 pm.



A security guard protects a child from the rain in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOOD KUMAR T

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— Ramnath Goenka

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR MARRIAGE NO SHIELD, CURBS LIBERTY, SAFETY

If true love is an 'ever-fixed mark' in the words of the Bard, then indeed the Special Marriage Act of 1954 is an effort to test its constancy, placing in the path of inter-faith, inter-caste couples—lovers, in short, given Indian society's demand for strict endogamy—impediments unique only to them. The patriarchal nature of the Act has come up in the marriage equality hearings before the Constitution bench of the Supreme Court. Specifically, the requirement that the parties provide an advance notice of 30 days, with details to be published in the registrar's office to invite public objections, has come under challenge as invasive and discriminatory. The provision is seen as discriminatory as it places an unusual burden specifically on couples seeking to marry under the Act when marriages under various personal laws face no such requirement. Similarly, the provision invades these couples' privacy but places their personal information in the public domain.

The SC noted that the provision is patriarchal and antiquated, as have other high courts. However, while the law may be rooted in colonial mores, it must be read, with urgency, in the context of real violence that is wrought by families upon their errant children, adults though they may be, and the vigilantism that has been empowered in recent years by boogies such as 'love jihad'. Ironically, the dangers posed by this public exposure, mandated by law, have forced some couples to opt for conversion, which would allow them to marry under personal laws rather than use an Act ostensibly aimed at allowing them to wed while maintaining distinct religious identities. Even then, parents and the judiciary have found ways to infantilise adult women, as seen in the case of Kerala's Hadiya, and deny them the ability to exercise agency and freedom of choice.

No doubt, if the SC provides marriage equality under the Special Marriage Act without removing this provision, LGBTQIA+ couples, already vulnerable and marginalised in India, will also be put at risk of violence from families and vigilante groups. While the intent of the Act may have been to ensure that none are marrying without fulfilling the requirements of the law (of age, no prior marriage, etc.), in practice, the provision has been wielded as a weapon to reinforce caste and religious endogamy, control women and void them of the agency. The provision is discriminatory and an invasion of privacy by the State and society, and it is well past time for it to go.

Why is there so much apprehension about a population influx in the Northeast? Apart from periodic outbreaks of inter-ethnic violence in the region, the fear of the "outsider" is virtually everywhere. Often, this "outsider" is nebulous and ill-defined. For some, the word that substitutes this term is Bangladeshi. However, in the same breath, the term can become rooted in indigeneity, tending to exclude even bona fide domiciles who no longer are "outsiders" but nonetheless remain the "other". This makes the fear border on the blindness of paranoia, diluting even advocacies of what is real about it.

The increasingly high-pitched demands—for a National Register of Citizens in Manipur (an exercise proving to be a wasted effort in Assam), the calls for stricter Inner Line Permit System regimes in the hill states, and the periodic explosions of ethnic clashes within a state and between states—would all appear confounding to observers outside the region. But not so for those who have a sense of the postcolonial history of the place.

The recent ugly uproar in Assam over the stitching of two types of scarves to felicitate guests at the conference of a newly formed literary society of the state's ethnic Bengalis called Bangla Sahitya Sabha illustrates the extreme insensitivity.

Of the two fabrics at the centre of the controversy, one is the Assamese *phulam gamosa*, a rectangular cotton fabric with distinctive motifs, traditionally a towel but today transformed into an intimate cultural marker that is often used as a ceremonial neck scarf. The other is the Bengali *gamcha*, a similar fabric, though not as strong a cultural symbol. The literary body ostensibly tried to symbolise the fraternity of the state's two major linguistic communities by creating the hybrid scarf. But in the face of powerful backlash from the Assamese community who saw it as a cultural affront and insult, the literary body withdrew and tendered a public apology on March 28.

Those familiar with the region's colonial history will know how the bittersweet relationship between these two communities in Assam was set in motion in the mid-19th century. After the Treaty of Yandabo (1826) formally ended the Burmese occupation of Assam and Manipur, Assam (then virtually the entire Northeast except for Tripura and Manipur) was annexed and made a part of the British Bengal province. The Assamese middle class being still too weak to handle

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FREEING INDIA'S NORTHEAST FROM PRISONS OF THE PAST

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their affairs, the British encouraged and brought in people already exposed to British-style education and administration. They were the Bengali middle class, mainly from neighbouring Sylhet, Dhaka and Mymensingh districts of East Bengal, as Sajal Nag notes in his book *Roots of Ethnic Conflict*. Soon enough, in the new power structure of Assam, an elite Bengali minority came to occupy a dominant position. In 1837, this Babu class used their influence to have Bengali declared as Assam's official language, making it also the medium of instruction in schools, claiming Assamese was only a dialect of Bengali.

The Assamese middle class could not counter this immediately, but a language agitation was only to be expected in the

days ahead. When Assamese linguistic nationalism got too hot, in July 1873, Assamese was restored as the official language of five valley districts of Assam—Kamrup, Darrang, Nagaon, Sibsagar and Lakhimpur. The next year on February 6, Assam was also separated from Bengal and made a separate chief commissioner's province.

However, probably again prompted by the administration's continuing need for the English-educated Bengali middle class, on September 12 of the same year, the populous Sylhet district was added to Assam. Interestingly, both the Sylheti Bengalis and Assamese resented this for different reasons. The Assamese because this would make Bengalis the majority in Assam, and the Bengalis because, for them, it was a deg-

DISASTROUS TRINITY: CLIMATE CHANGE, PANDEMICS, HEALTHCARE

In 2020, Covid-19 was holding the world hostage. That year, Cyclone Amphan struck the Sundarbans which stretches across India and Bangladesh. The combined effect of these two assaults on human health and development was devastating. Lives were lost to both, but livelihoods, too, were endangered. Lockdowns, illnesses, restricted mobility, hospitalisations, home isolations and quarantines deprived people of opportunities to earn income. Accessing health and social services, too, became difficult due to pandemic-related restrictions on movement. Cyclone Amphan not only blocked access to services but also destroyed natural resources, therefore compromising health and nutrition.

The calamitous conjunction of climate change-related extreme weather events and disease pandemics is likely to be a recurring threat in the future. As the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) noted in 2022, "The climate emergency and the systemic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic point to a new reality." As the world grows warmer and pathogenic microbes emerge more frequently, we need to recognise their connections so we can direct both mitigation and adaptation responses in a concerted manner. We must address the common causes and the cascading consequences of one impacting the other.

Deforestation is a major cause of global warming. It also removes the natural barriers that prevent microbial migration from wildlife to veterinary populations which live within human habitats. As animals confined to forests are driven to seek new shelters, viruses and vectors which co-existed with them also move out. This enables an easy spillover across species to new hosts—animals captive-bred for food, domesticated pets and also humans. When people who are immunologically naive to these unfamiliar microbes are infected, they develop serious illnesses.

Extensive deforestation results from: urban growth, expansion of agriculture to feed a growing human population as well as herds of captive-bred animals, and logging and extractive industries (mining). Agriculture (which includes animal breeding) is responsible for 29% of global greenhouse gas emissions and 80% of global deforestation. Deforestation heats the planet and also lets loose microbes roam the world. As meat consumption goes up, greenhouse gas emissions rise as a consequence of industry-scale factory farming of animals bred for slaughter. Animals confined in crowded spaces offer microbes many opportunities for multiplication and muta-

tion, triggering outbreaks among them and further transmission to humans.

Travel by humans and mechanised transport of goods are common contributors to climate change and pandemics. The use of fossil fuels has risen sharply over the last century, with extensive travel through mechanised transport on land, in air and water. Compared to 70 years ago, people are



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travelling much more—locally within countries and internationally—for employment, education, trade, tourism and even for socialisation. This has accelerated global warming. As people commute fast and far, microbes hitch a ride and travel within and across countries at a speed never before possible. Climate change and pandemics commute using the same vehicles.

Global warming also results in the rise of vector-borne diseases. As the scorching heat gets worse by the day, mosquitoes become athletic and spread farther to reach higher altitudes which become more permissive for their growth. Malaria, dengue and chikungunya affect many, as warm weather provides a longer transmission window and reduces the extrinsic incubation period. Flooding as well as heat-related drinking water scarcity both caused by climate change, raise the risk of water-borne diseases.

Non-communicable diseases and mental health disorders, too, increase with climate change. As heat rises intolerably, risk of brain strokes, heart attacks, circulatory collapse and kidney failure increases, with de-

hydration playing a major role. Pre-existing mental health disorders are aggravated. People will also exhibit anxiety, depression and aggressive behaviour. These will stress the health system. As distressed climate refugees move to other lands, there is the risk of transmitting or contracting microbial infections. Climate change, epidemics and health system overloads are therefore knit together.

Extreme weather events disrupt health services by damaging healthcare infrastructure, hindering the mobility of healthcare personnel and patients seeking care while also causing physical harm to some healthcare providers. Such disruptions can hinder healthcare and seriously undermine the efforts for intensified health service provision needed during a pandemic.

The health sector is not just a hapless victim in these scenarios but also an unwitting villain, responsible for around 5% of greenhouse emissions. Its contributions to climate change are through extensive use of energy, water, disposable equipment and certain types of anaesthetic gases such as desflurane (which has 2,500x greater potential for global warming than CO2).

As per international NGO Health Care Without Harm, the global healthcare sector generates greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 514 coal-fired power plants. It is estimated that 71% of the emissions from the health sector emanate from its supply chains, 17% directly from healthcare facilities and 12% from purchased electricity. There is now a global movement to enable the health sector to reach a zero-emission target by 2050, led by the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH), a WHO-led initiative.

We are living in a world of increasing complexity. Scottish-American naturalist John Muir observed several decades ago: "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it is hitched to everything else in the universe." Climate change is destabilising many components of that complex web. Even as we transform health systems to become climate-smart and disaster-resilient, we must contain climate change with utmost urgency. We owe it both to ourselves and future generations.

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POSITIVE STEP TO MAKE VOTE GO TO THE VOTER

Every election, India has seen the aged and infirm being helped into voting booths to exercise their franchise. This time, the voting booth is going to them. The Vote From Home (VFH) facility introduced in Karnataka by the Election Commission of India, for the first time in the country, has proved to be a blessing for those in the 80+ age group and people with disabilities (PwD). It is a commendable initiative, considering that 99,529 voters have registered for VFH, including 80,250 aged voters and 19,279 PwD voters. Five days since VFH started, this exercise in inclusivity is going on smoothly, with 2,542 teams on 2,706 routes to cover the voters' homes. The Election Commission has worked out the nitty-gritty down to the last detail—each team, comprising a presiding officer, an assistant, a micro observer, a police constable and poll agents, literally creates a mini polling booth for each voter. A videographer records the entire process until the ballot is dropped into a sealed metal box. Senior citizens, who have watched the nation take birth and grow into a democracy, are often the most conscientious voters. Their keenness to cast their ballot should inspire the indifferent urban voter who treats voting day as a holiday, reflecting the low voter turnout in cities.

Though the EC has done its best to ensure that no voter is left out of the process, less than 1 lakh of the 12.15 lakh aged population (including 16,973 centenarians) have opted for VFH. Similarly, only a fraction of the 5.55 lakh PwDs is casting its vote at home. This should not be construed as a failure since VFH is a novel idea and has yet to gain currency. Enhanced awareness will undoubtedly make it more popular in future elections.

The other initiatives of the EC, whose mission is to ensure that all voters have their say, especially the migrant population, are also laudable. Its pilot project to include this vast demographic through remote voting may have encountered logistical problems, but with Remote Voting Machines (RVMs) being honed with the aid of technology, it should eventually become possible. Remote voting can change the political scenario if implemented without flaws, chief among them being accessibility, data on the migrants, and secrecy of the ballot. This should go a long way in strengthening our democracy.

QUICK TAKE

COLONIAL CANTONMENTS GO

Another colonial tradition goes as the government is dissolving the country's cantonment boards. Local municipal bodies will take over the civilian areas. The exercise begins with Yol cantonment in Himachal Pradesh turning into a military station after the civilian areas are excised from it. Cantonment residents should get time to adjust to the new situation. Government schemes and funds will now be available to them. They'll access hitherto restricted roads and needn't await the defence ministry's clearance for minor repairs and renovations. But the flip side is that they may have to pay higher municipal taxes and face power or water scarcity.

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Communal trouble

The film *The Kerala Story* is intended to incite communal disharmony and gain an electoral advantage in Kerala. The claim that 32,000 girls were converted to Islam and recruited to the IS are blatant lies; they may not work in a state where different communities stay together without clashing. Creating communal divides in the country is the real anti-national and anti-human act.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Kohli vs Gambhir

The altercation between Kohli and Gambhir is a disgrace for the entire franchise. Being respected senior players, both of them ought to have exercised caution over their emotions. Letting their emotions get the better of them really did spoil the show.
K Ruthvik Goud, Vizianagaram

Congress' promise

That the Congress' election manifesto for Karnataka proclaimed the reservation limit will be raised to 70% misleads people. The SC already set the upper limit of reservation to 50% in the Indra Sawhney case. Everybody knows that the norms of reservation can be changed only through a Constitutional amendment by Parliament.
Sundaram Govind, Aluva

Pathos galore

Apropos of *Pathos in polls* can divert voter attention (May 3). Comparing polls of the past and the present, one can discern how the quality of campaigning has eroded slowly. Political parties no longer worry about the manifesto. As rightly stated in the editorial, logos and ethos are absent whereas "pathos" is present in plenty, which will polarise the crowd. Mudsliding, diatribes and blame games are in abundance. Electioneering needs to undergo a drastic transformation.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Karnataka polls

Karnataka polls are becoming murkier with each passing day: character assassinations, unwieldy manifestos and unethical innuendos. The voters must be at their wits end to decide on the worthy party because every party is corrupt including BJP for '40% commission', among other reasons. Only May 13 will reveal the final outcome.
K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Pawar's politics

Sharad Pawar stepping down as NCP chief was breaking news. What we only know for the time being is that Pawar is a big politician known for his shrewd personality. Various things brewing inside the NCP for the past month relate to Ajit Pawar and others. We can well ascertain that this move of the senior Pawar may be a very calculated one.
Subhanshu Roy, Bihar



TWEETS
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Basavaraj S Bommai @BSBommai
This time there is a tsunami wave of BJP in
Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts and BJP will
make a clean sweep in these two districts



Raghav Chadha @raghav_chadha
ED put Sanjay Singh's name in its charge sheet to
create sensation. When he gave a defamation
notice, ED immediately accepted its mistake



Kapil Sibal @KapilSibal
The Kerala Story cleared by Censor Board
demonises an entire community & PM in Karnataka
says Congress follows "politics of dividing society"

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‘Buland Bharat’ tests firepower in Arunachal Pradesh

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INDIA'S armed forces have carried out an integrated surveillance and firepower training exercise christened Buland Bharat to test "simulated war conditions in the high-altitude area" at the Mandala High Altitude Firing Ranges located in Arunachal Pradesh.

Tension continues to prevail along the Line of Actual Control more than three years after the Galwan clash. "The month-long training culminated in an exercise in which troops and equipment were put to test in simulated war conditions in the high altitude area and extreme weather conditions during which synergised surveillance and firepower from infantry and artillery radars, weapon systems and direction of fire from the air was practiced," said a defence source. Uninterrupted communication on multiple media was also tested, he added.

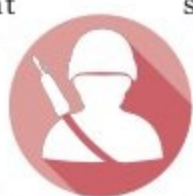
The exercise validated plans for bringing down integrated firepower by orchestrating synchronized firing by artillery guns and fire support components of infantry, aimed toward the destruction of designated targets. As per the of-

ficial message tweeted by Indian Army's Gajraj Corps, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and also the Special Forces conducted day and night training for integrated surveillance and application of fire to maximize destruction of the target.

The SSB and ITBP are the border guarding forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Former artillery officer (Gunner) Lt Gen VK Chaturvedi (Retd) said, "It is a major exercise to add coordination and speed geared towards the detection, destruction, casualty evacuation and depletion of enemy's war-waging capabilities."

"Exercise Buland Bharat involved the synergised application of surveillance and firepower capabilities of artillery and infantry in close coordination with Special Forces, Aviation and Central Armed Police Forces deployed in West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal," said the defence source. The Gajraj Corps, under which the exercise was held, handles tasks spanning from counter-insurgency to guarding the LAC in west Arunachal Pradesh, including the Tawang area.



EAM to hold bilateral talks with China, Russia

No clarity on discussions with Pakistan foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto on sidelines of SCO meeting in Goa today

YESHI SELI @NewDelhi

THE much-awaited Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) foreign ministers' meeting begins in Goa on Thursday. Foreign ministers of Russia, China and Pakistan are among those who will attend this meeting in person. The main meeting will be on Friday.

Bilateral talks between external affairs minister S Jaishankar and Russia's foreign minister Sergey Lavrov and China's foreign minister Qin Gang are lined up for Thursday.

However, there is no clarity yet on whether there would be any exclusive interaction with Pakistan's foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Bilawal's is the first visit by a Pakistani foreign minister after a gap of 12 years. India will host a cultural event and a dinner on Thursday evening for his counterparts from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

During the course of the evening, Jaishankar will get to meet Bilawal in person. During the G-20 foreign ministers meeting on March 2, Jaishankar had met his counterparts from China and Russia. India is likely to raise its concern on the Ladakh military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Disengagement of troops at remaining friction points in order to facilitate the normali-



sation of bilateral ties may also figure in talks.

The Chinese foreign ministry has said Qin will use the SCO foreign ministers' meeting to exchange views with his counterparts on the regional and international situation and cooperation in different fields to prepare for the SCO Summit.

Meanwhile, the bilateral meeting between Jaishankar and Lavrov will be an opportunity for the two sides to assess steps taken by India and Russia to bolster trade, including trade in local currencies.

Russia's foreign ministry has said the meeting of the SCO council of foreign ministers will focus on finalising "substantive content" for the upcoming SCO summit scheduled for July 3-4 in New Delhi.

The meeting will also discuss drafts of relevant docu-

First visit by a Pak minister in 12 years

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ments and decisions.

The SCO is primarily a Eurasian political, economic, security and defence organisation. It is said to be the world's largest regional organisation in terms of geographic expanse and population - which covers over 40 per cent of the world's population and 20 per cent of the GDP.

The SCO is the successor of Shanghai five formed in 1996 between China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan.

On June 15 in 2001, leaders of these nations and Uzbekistan met in Shanghai to announce a new organisation with deeper political and economic cooperation.

The SCO charter was signed on July 7, 2002 and came into effect on September 19, 2003. India and Pakistan joined on June 9, 2017.

Pak journalists in India to cover Goa meeting

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A delegation of Pakistani journalists has crossed Wagah border in Punjab to come into India and attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' meet in Goa during May 4-5. Pakistan's foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari is attending this meeting in person.

The delegation includes Murtaza Solangi, executive editor of Nayadaur Media, Mona Khan from Independent Urdu, Qurrat ul Ain Shirazi and Azaz Syed from Geo News, Kamran Yousaf and Munizae Jahangir. "Short distances, long conflicts, lingering tension and many missed opportunities is the story of India and Pakistan. Hope Bilawal Bhutto will ease tension and lower the political temperature," said Munizae Jahangir after crossing into India. She also said that they were hopeful that Bilawal Bhutto and India's external affairs minister S Jaishankar would have bilateral talks.

"Hello India. Peace, shanti," said Murtaza Solangi after crossing over into India, while

Qurrat ul Ain Shirazi Delhi said the rains reminded her of Lahore.

India has granted visas to these Pakistani journalists to cover the SCO meet in Goa. All eyes are on Bilawal Bhutto's in-person presence at the meet in Goa. Whether his coming would lead to a thaw in the relations between India and Pakistan or not depends on what he says and India's response. The Indian government had provided a flight route for Bhutto to travel to Goa.

"Our participation in the meeting reflects Pakistan's commitment to the SCO charter and processes and the importance that Pakistan accords to the region in its foreign policy priorities," according to a statement issued by the Pakistani government. Meanwhile, Jaishankar reached Goa on Wednesday ahead of the SCO meet. He is scheduled to have bilateral meetings with China's foreign minister Qin Gang and Russia's Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov on Thursday.

There is no clarity on whether there would be a bilateral meeting between Jaishankar and Bhutto.



Collegium recommends 3 judges for Bombay HC

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THE Supreme Court collegium has recommended the appointment of advocate Firdosh Phiroze Pooniwalla as Bombay High Court judge by brushing aside Intelligence Bureau's (IB) objection that the recommended counsel had worked as a junior who had written an article expressing concerns over the alleged lack of freedom of speech/expression in the country in the last 5-6 years.

Noting that the views expressed by his senior had no bearing on Pooniwalla's competence, ability or credentials for being appointed as a HC judge, the collegium comprising CJJ DY Chandrachud, justices SK Kaul and KM Joseph in the resolution said junior counsel associated with the chamber of a senior on the original side are not engaged in a relationship of employer-employee with their senior.

"While juniors are associated with the chamber, they are free to do their own work and for all the intents and purposes, are entitled to independent legal practice. No adverse comments reflecting on the suitability of the candidate for elevation have been made in the file. The candidate has an extensive practice at the Bar

Brushes aside IB's objection in one case

The apex court collegium brushed aside Intelligence Bureau's (IB) objection that the recommended counsel had worked as a junior who had written an article expressing concerns over the alleged lack of freedom of speech/expression in the country in the last 5-6 years. The collegium said that the candidate professes Parsi Zoroastrianism and belongs to a minority community. Keeping in mind the above aspects and on an overall consideration of the proposal for his elevation, the collegium is of the considered opinion that Shri Firdosh Phiroze Pooniwalla is suitable for appointment as a judge of the High Court of Bombay". The collegium also recommended the appointment of advocates Jitendra Shantilal Jain and Shailesh Pramod Brahme.



and is specialised in commercial law."

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Apart from recommending Parsi lawyer's name, the collegium also recommended the appointment of advocates Jitendra Shantilal Jain and Shailesh Pramod Brahme as Bombay HC judges. Observing that Jain's background would be an asset to the work of HC since the

Bombay High Court also has large volume of tax-related cases, the resolution said, "Enquiries have been made by a member of the collegium conversant with the affairs of the High Court of Bombay on the issue which has been flagged by the Intelligence Bureau pertaining to his work in the chamber of a senior on the taxation side about 20 years ago."

"Enquiries have indicated that while it is correct that the candidate had ceased working in the chamber of that senior, he subsequently joined the chamber of a noted senior counsel at the Bar. The fact of the candidate having left the chamber of a senior earlier has no bearing on his ability, competence or integrity."

No relief to death convict Balwant Rojana

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THE Supreme Court on Wednesday declined to commute Balwant Singh Rojana's death sentence to life term. Rojana is convicted for killing former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath and Sanjay Karol however directed the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with the mercy petition again as and when they deem it necessary.

The court noted that MHA upon material consideration had concluded for deferring the decision to decide on mercy pleas as it could have an impact of compromising the security of the nation or creating law and order situation.

The bench also brushed aside the arguments related to pendency of mercy petition and said that it could not be that there had been inordinate delay in disposing Singh's mercy plea.

India slips to 161 position out of 180 in World Press Freedom Index

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INDIA'S ranking has fallen to 161 in the World Press Freedom Index-2023 in the list 180 countries. It is for the second year India is slipping in the ranking.

According to the report by global media watchdog Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) alias Reporters without Borders, India is down 11 points in the index this year. The situation has gone from "problematic" to 'very bad' in three countries, including India and Tajikistan, it added.

In its annual report, the Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) has assessed the state of freedom for media countries. In 2021, India's ranking was 150, down from ranking of 142 on press freedom index.

The report also stated that violence against journalists, the politically partisan media and the concentration of media ownerships all demonstrate that press freedom is in crisis in world's largest democracy.

The RSF released the report on Wednesday with details of media freedom collected from

How India, neighbours fare in press freedom

Country	Ranking
Nepal	95
Pakistan	150
Sri Lanka	135
India	161
Myanmar	173

Source : World Press Freedom Index

Indian media landscape has more than **100,000** newspapers, including **36,000** weeklies and **380 TV** channels.

Mukesh Ambani owns more than **70 media outlets** that are followed by at least **800 million Indians**



across 180 countries. Pakistan is ranked at 150, seven points up, while Nepal is at 95. Sri Lanka is up 11 points at 135, while Myanmar at 173 has moved 3 points higher. The report has stated that Indian media landscape is like India itself - huge and densely populated - and has more than 1,00,000 newspapers including 36,000 weeklies, and 380 TV channels.

"Originally a product of the anti-colonial movement, the India press sued to be seen as fairly progressive, but things changed radically when Narendra Modi became prime minister and engineered a spectacular rapprochement between

his party, the BJP and the big families dominating the media."

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"Indian journalists who are too critical of the government are subjected to all-out harassment and attack campaigns", the report stated.

It further said: "At the national level, the Central government has seen that it can exploit this to impose its own narrative, and is now spending more than 130 billion rupees a year on ads in the print and online media alone.

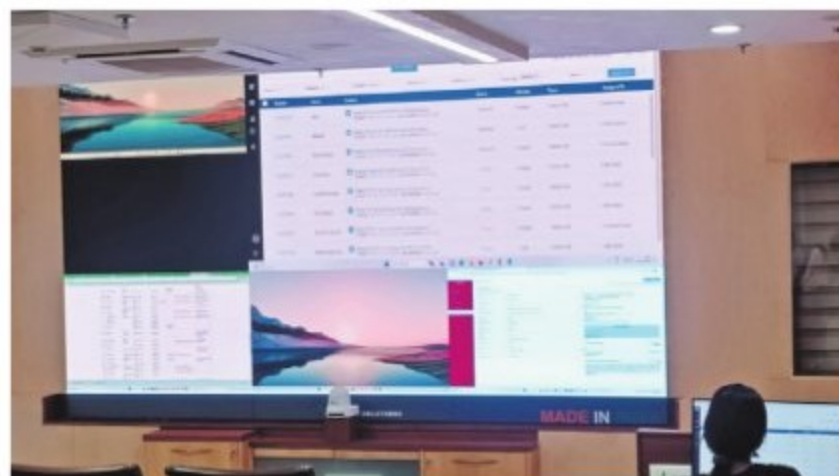
In a 1st, rly ministry sets up war room to address complaints & grievances

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @NewDelhi

THE Ministry of Railway for the first time has set up a war room at the ministry in Delhi to facilitate fast redressal of public complaints and grievances. Started on May 2 on the third floor of Rail Bhawan, the Rail War Room (RWR) has round-the-clock schedule, but currently it works till 10 pm per day during the week.

Equipped with the latest communication facilities, the war room has a big screen that displays complaints and redressal ratio for minute to minute monitoring.

This is the first such kind of move that has been taken by the Railways to monitor any untoward incident or accidents in the future. The objective of this war room is that if any major incident or accident occurs, all board members and officials including minister and chairman of Railway Board can take necessary decisions. The Railways has pro-



Indian Railways' war room was kickstarted on May 2 and all complaints, grievances and redressals will be displayed on the screen for minute-to-minute monitoring

vided chairs in adequate numbers for officials to come and sit in case of emergency or crisis times in addition to six monitoring tables - allotted to officials of six major wings of railways including RPF. In the last two days, the war room has received more than 5,000 complaints from the public and 95% of them were redressed swiftly and feedbacks of complaints were received.

The RPF has also deputed an official who is the first one to receive the complaint and the he forwards it to concerned authorities for fast redressal.

DP PR Railway Yogesh Baweja said: "It is a comprehensive monitoring system which will help in monitoring and speedy redressal of complaints". He also said that it is the first in railways for such a comprehensive monitoring.

Regular watch to ensure completion of highways

PARVEZ SULTAN @NewDelhi

WITH a significant number of national highway projects lagging behind schedule due to lack of inter-ministerial coordination, the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH) is setting up an 'institutional mechanism' for better synergy and regular monitoring to expedite their completion.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been entrusted with the responsibility to collate information and coordinate with relevant stakeholders, said officials. "Inter-ministerial coordination issues are major impediments which cause several road projects getting struck or delayed. To ensure expeditious and effective resolution of such inter-ministerial, the MoRTH is in the process of setting up of an institutional mechanism for monthly thereof pertaining to project handled by three wings viz Ring Wing (of MoRTH), NHAI, and National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL),"



read a note of the NHAI.

In December 2022, the ministry, in response to a question pertaining to the delayed national highway projects, stated that 719 projects are hanging fire due to 'various reasons'. It further informed that 438 projects were expected to be completed in the current financial year.

Union minister of road transport and highways Nitin Gadakri in February stated in Lok Sabha that 1,486 national highways (NHs) projects with cumulative length of about 38,000 km are at various stages of completion being implemented by different agencies

of his ministry. According to the officials, regional officers (ROs) of the Authority will identify and flag the pending issues leading to the delay. The officers will also ensure regular updates or upload the concerns and their status on the project management group (PMG) portal by 15th of every month so that the development could be monitored by the Prime Minister's Office.

Based on the details of the issue impeding the project progress, agenda will be prepared and prepared before the concerned Committee for the review. The PMG is an arrangement under the Depart-

DPIIT ARRANGEMENT TO OVESEE PROJECTS

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After review of the issues, a final report will be sent to the coordination division for further monthly monitoring to the additional secretary (highways) of the MoRTH so that the matter could be taken up with the respective ministries, officials added.

Supriya frontrunner for NCP chief

Ajit Pawar is likely to look after Maha affairs as Sharad Pawar may go for medical treatment

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A day after Sharad Pawar jolted his NCP and sent ripples across the nation as well as Maharashtra politics, it is now becoming clear that his daughter Supriya Sule has emerged as his successor at the national level. Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar will be given the state responsibility if the NCP patriarch refuses to withdraw his resignation as the party chief.

Sources said NCP top leaders — Praful Patel, Supriya Sule, Chhagan Bhujbal, Dilip Walse Patil, Eknath Khadse, Jitendra Ahwad and others — met and discussed who could be the next party president.

Dilip Walse Patil said that in the meeting, Supriya Sule's name was on top. However, a committee has to clear the decision, which would have to be okayed by Sharad Pawar.

Sources said Sharad Pawar's family, which includes Ajit Pawar, Sharad Pawar's spouse Pratibha Pawar (Kaki) and Supriya Sule, discussed the boss's resignation as well as power-sharing between Sule and Ajit at the state and national levels.

"Supriya Sule is a three-time Lok Sabha MP. She was also awarded the best parliamentarian award. She has always been interested in national politics while Ajit prefers to remain in Maharashtra. Therefore, the



Sharad Pawar after meeting NCP workers in Mumbai on Wednesday; Supriya Sule (Inset) | PTI

arrangement will work for both of them," said a party source.

Another senior NCP leader said the Pawar family has apparently come to the conclusion that he is 83 years old and will soon go for medical treatment that would require at least three to four months.

"Therefore, the successor has to be found as early as possible. Pawar can play the mentor role to groom his daughter in national politics since he will be always there to guide her. So, this is the perfect time for Supriya to step into her father's shoes. The shoe is big, but sooner or later she has to step in and evolve as a leader," said another senior NCP leader.

On Tuesday, Sule displayed calm amid emotions being ex-

pressed by senior leaders, who requested the NCP supremo to reconsider his decision.

Sule's rise within the party in recent years has been viewed as a father grooming his daughter for major responsibilities. As part of the party's top brass, she is involved in key decisions. She keeps a hectic schedule across multiple districts and attends all party programmes. She has frequently criticized the Centre and the Shinde-Fadnavis-led state government on a range of issues.

Another party leader said it was Supriya 'tai', who opposed the idea of joining hands with the Modi-led government at the Centre in 2017 when the proposal was discussed in the core committee meeting.

Sharad Pawar in his Marathi autobiography 'On My Terms'

- Cong to blame for Ajit Pawar's revolt
- Uddhav Thackeray failed to show his political acumen and save the govt
- Cong took long to help in the formation of MVA
- Ajit Pawar's early morning oath as deputy CM with Fadnavis as CM was hasty
- Did not support Ajit Pawar's decision to align with BJP
- I got a call in the morning and I came to know about the early morning oath. It was a shock
- After speaking with Uddhav, I realized that only nine MLAs were with Ajit Pawar
- Pratibha played a major role in persuading Ajit Pawar to return to NCP

'Will abide by decision of committee'

Sharad Pawar said that he has declared his resignation and sought the time to reconsider it. He said the committee should meet on May 5 and he would abide by its decision. He added he respects the decisions of the youth who are opposing his resignation.

U'khand govt plans to tighten land law clause for non-locals

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IT will now be more difficult for outsiders to buy land in Uttarakhand. In order to prevent large-scale land purchase by outsiders, the government has proposed adding a clause to land laws in addition to existing rules. The government has decided the background of buyer, if he is from outside the state, should be thoroughly verified.

"In order to protect the social, demographic and cultural fabric of the state and strengthen the law and order situation, the emphasis is now on incorporating the process of verification in land purchases," an official source said.

The Pushkar Singh Dhimi government has expressed concern over population imbalance in different areas of the state several times in the past. To prevent imbalance, the chief minister has already given instructions to keep an eye on 'undesirable elements' coming from outside.

The police have also been asked to verify suspicious people coming from outside the state. Speaking to The New Indian Express, Ad-

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ditional Secretary, Revenue, Anand Srivastava said, "In the interest of the state, the government amends land laws from time to time as required. I have not yet studied this present announcement in detail, it will be possible to say something after looking at the proposed amendments to it".

There was a mixed response to the development. Nainital High Court lawyer Prabha Naithani believes that "the government can implement a law like Himachal Pradesh under a special arrangement, but no one can be stopped from buying land, every citizen has the right to buy land anywhere in this country.

Naroda Gam case: Guj court blames SIT for biased probe

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A special court that freed all 67 accused in the killing of 11 Muslims in the 2002 post-Godhra riots case in Naroda Gam on April 21 has accused the Supreme Court-appointed Special Inquiry Team (SIT) of biased inquiry in its 1,728-page judgment whose copy was made available on May 2.

The court said the presence of the main accused at the site of the crime and the criminal conspiracy angle had not been proved during the inquiry undertaken by the SIT.

"The major witnesses' accounts of the incident's timing and complicity were judged to be inconsistent and incoherent. The witnesses were unable to effectively defend their decision to withhold the identity of the accused from the local police. Additionally, the prosecution's claim that there was a 'private shooting' at the Naroda crime scene was not proven," said the court.

"The SIT had performed a biased inquiry," the court added.

Professional criminals now on wheelchair, says Yogi in Ansari turf of Mau

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THOSE who brought Mau's law and order on 'wheelchair' by their criminal deeds, were now relegated to wheelchairs themselves, said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while addressing a public meeting in Mau, the pocket borough of dreaded gangster Mukhtar Ansari, six-time MLA from the constituency.

Taking a jibe on the previous governments during which Ansari was active and patronised, the CM said it was the same district where Ramila could not be organized and where the SP and BSP regimes allowed professional criminals and mafia to flourish and create chaos. "Since the double-engine government assumed power in Uttar Pradesh, these professional criminals can now be seen on wheelchairs," observed Yogi on a sarcastic note.

After holding conferences and rallies at 28 places for 7 days in the first phase of the

civic body election campaigns, the Chief Minister started the rallies for the second phase on Wednesday. He commenced his second stretch of campaign from Azamgarh, the Samajwadi Party stronghold.

In Azamgarh, CM Yogi lambasted the previous governments saying that youth were handed over kattas (country made pistols) instead of pen while the double engine government was equipping them with tablets.

In Sant Kabir Nagar, he recalled how Magahar was compared with a place where if died, one would go to hell, in medieval period. "Now the same Magahar has turned into a heaven in the double engine government. It has been now one of the prominent religio-cultural destinations," he said.

In the four public meetings, the CM appealed to people to vote for BJP candidates to add the third engine to the double engine government to ensure the best use of funds.

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Yogi Adityanath, UP CM

Fresh violence breaks out in Manipur after tribal rally, curfew in 6 districts

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government on Wednesday evening suspended "mobile data services" for five days across the state as tension ran high following sporadic incidents of violence.

A "Tribal Solidarity March" was taken out in the state's all 10 hill districts on the day to oppose the demand for the inclusion of the Meitei community in the ST category. It was organised by the All Tribal Students' Union Manipur (ATSUM).

When reports last came in, the miscreants vandalised and torched some houses at Torbung on the border of Bishnupur-Churachandpur districts. The reports suggested that violence also occurred in the India-Myanmar border town of Moreh.

In an order, the state's Home Commissioner H Gyan Prakash said the ATSUM had organized a rally in all hill districts with total shutdown from 6 am to 4 pm in protest against the demand for inclusion of the Meitei community in the ST category.

"...there are reports of incidents like fighting amongst volunteers/youths of different communities and situation is tense and volatile in the districts of Bishnupur and Chu-



Internet was suspended after a rally to oppose the demand for the inclusion of the Meitei community in the ST category in the state's all 10 hill districts | EXPRESS

rachandpur," Prakash said.

He said as some anti-social elements were circulating images, hate speeches and hate video messages through social media, thereby inciting the passions of the public and there is an imminent danger of loss of life and damage to property, the government decided to suspend mobile data services.

Minister and government spokesman Dr Sapam Ranjan Singh told a news channel that the state government was trying to solve the issue.

"As far as the reports we received, there was an altercation

between two communities in the area joining Churachandpur and Bishnupur districts. The government is trying to settle the issue," Singh said.

"I hope peace prevails and misunderstanding, if any, is resolved at the earliest. We are one," he said, adding, "It is up to the Centre to take a decision on the demand for ST."

Thousands of tribals had turned up at the march. Earlier, the ATSUM said the rally was organised to register a protest against "persistent demand of Meitei community for inclusion in ST category."

17-yr-old girl escapes from family to avoid marriage & pursue study

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

DETERMINED to pursue higher studies, a 17-year-old girl escaped from family captivity to evade her parents' underage marriage plan, ran 2 km in darkness and travelled another 10 km in a private bus to reach the office of the local block development officer in West Midnapore district in West Bengal to narrate her plight.

The block development officer (BDO) promptly sent local officials to her home to find out more about the girl and persuade her parents.

The class XI student was handed over to her family only after her father gave a written declaration promising that he would not arrange her marriage against her will and before she completes her education.

Amit Kumar Ghosh, BDO of Chandrakona-II block in West Midnapore, said he had received a call on Friday afternoon last week. "On the other end, the girl was whispering. I could not understand what ex-

Girl narrates her trauma

"I protested when I came to know that I was being married off. My father told me either accept the marriage plan or leave. I wanted to leave, but they kept me in captivity. On Saturday, the groom's family members visited our house and agreed to the marriage. I, somehow, managed to flee. I boarded a bus to reach the block headquarters, 10 km from there."

actly she wanted to say. But I realised she was in trouble and scared. The phone got disconnected. I tried to reach her over the phone, but it didn't work. It seemed she was not in a position to interact," Ghosh recounted.

The next day, the girl came to my office. "She broke into tears. She requested me to help her achieve her goal," said Ghosh.

In a statement given to the block development officer, the girl said, "I protested when I came to know that I was being married off. My father told me either accept the marriage plan

or leave. I wanted to leave, but they kept me in captivity. On Saturday, the groom's family members visited our house and agreed to the marriage. I, somehow, managed to flee. I boarded a bus to reach the block headquarters, 10 km from there."

When the officials intervened, the girl's father was initially reluctant but later agreed to give a written declaration that he would allow her to study. "I am told that she is a good student. She is also a member of Kanyashree Club, a students' unit in schools which spreads awareness against underage marriage of girls," said the block development officer.

In a similar incident in December last year, class IX students of Golar Sushila High School in Golar noticed that one of their classmates has not been attending school. Once they found out that her marriage has been fixed, the students rushed to her house and demanded she be allowed to return to school. They succeeded in stopping the marriage which saw the girl return to school.

Sonam Wangchuk to fast for 6th Schedule status

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

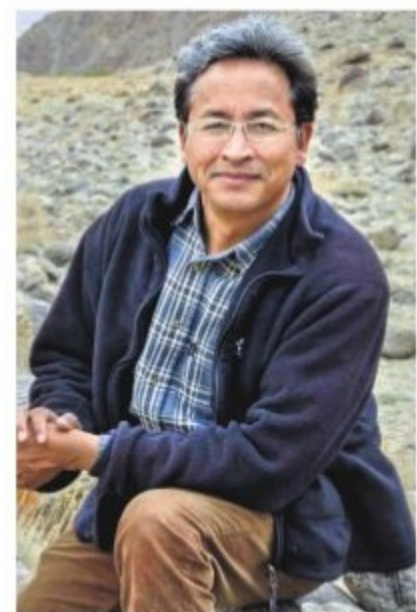
Ladakh engineer, innovator and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk, has announced that he will stage a 10-day climate fast, either by the end of this month or early June, to press central government to grant 6th Schedule status to Ladakh Union Territory, which was carved out from erstwhile J&K state after abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A by centre on August 5, 2019.

Wangchuk said the promise to grant 6th Schedule to Ladakh was made by the BJP in the last parliamentary election.

"It was in the first point of BJP's manifesto for Ladakh and people voted for the party as they had assured us of granting 6th Schedule status to Ladakh," he said.

Wangchuk, who had staged a five-day climate fast in January at Himalayan Institute of Alternatives Ladakh (HIAL) campus, said after being voted to power, it was the responsibility of BJP government to fulfil its promise made with the people of Ladakh.

"If you keep something at No 1 agenda in the manifesto and after winning the polls ignore



it totally, then people will lose trust in democracy," he said.

Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance, an amalgam of trade unions, social, political and religious, students groups from Leh and Kargil districts of Ladakh, have joined hands to jointly spearhead campaign for grant of 6th Schedule status, statehood with legislative, creation of two Lok Sabha seats and reservation of jobs to locals in Ladakh UT.

Disappointed over the centre not adhering to its pre-poll

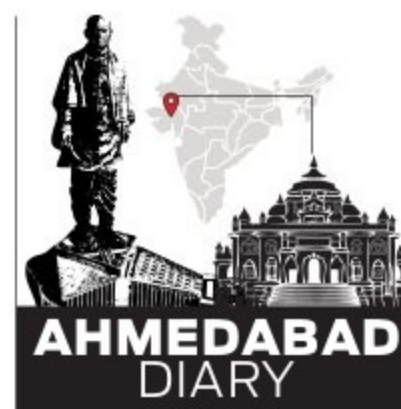
Equals autonomy

The Sixth Schedule under Article 244 provides for the formation of autonomous administrative divisions that have some legislative, judicial, and administrative autonomy within a state. Civil society groups in Ladakh have been demanding protection of land, resources and employment for years after the special status of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir was revoked by Parliament under Article 370 of the Constitution in 2019. The fear of big businesses and conglomerates taking away land and jobs from the locals have contributed to this demand.

promise, Wangchuk said now the situation has reached to the point where people are being formally and informally harassed for raising voice in favour of 6th Schedule.

"We are not demanding anything outside the constitution of India. We are demanding the constitutional safeguards that are there in the constitution for the tribal population of the country".

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Shifting AAP Power base in Gujarat

The AAP, which has faced many crises in Gujarat over the last month, has made a significant choice. Former state president Gopal Italia has been ordered by the party to return to the state. In a key announcement, the party named Gopal Italia to oversee the upcoming local body elections. According to sources, "In Surat, after many AAP corporators joined the BJP, few senior leaders complained to the AAP high command that Sudan Gadhvi's grip on the party is loosening." Additionally, AAP leaders have complained that the AAP Gujarat chief is biased. As a result, Italia has been assigned more responsibilities in Gujarat.



BJP's outreach to disgruntled leaders

Gujarat BJP State General Secretary (Org.) Ratnakar visited Rajkot in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and met the former Gujarat minister Arvind Raiyani. Following this visit, few BJP leaders complained to Ratnakar alleging that Raiyani had worked against the party during the previous assembly elections. The BJP state president Patil, has set a target of winning the 26 Lok Sabha seats in Gujarat, with a lead of more than 5, 00,000 votes.

Minister wants CCTV with audio recordings

After the cheating case involving thugs Kiran Patel and Sanjay Sherpuria came to light, Gujarat ministers are a worried lot. Many are unfamiliar with the people that accompany past BJP ministers or senior BJP leaders who visit the minister. As a precaution, Gujarat ministers have begun to distance themselves from people. A veteran leader had his logic. "A senior BJP minister has requested that color CCTV and audio recording cameras be installed inside his office. Why? If someone is involved in a scandal, he would have the evidence of what transpired between the leaders. So goes the logic. Visitors at minister's residence are a different case though.



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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
Bid Identification No.WATCO (W)-08/2023-24 Dtd. 02.05.2023
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1. Name of the work:- 1- Improvement & renovation of PH Works for Urban Com-
munity Health Center at Patia, Bhubaneswar.
2. Estimated cost :- (1) Rs.124.44 lakh
3. Period of completion:- (04/09) Months.
4. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal: - From 11.00 AM of
Dt.10.05.2023 to 5.00 PM of Dt. 25.05.2023
5. Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal :- 5.00 PM of 25.05.2023.
6. Date & time of opening of technical bids :- 12.30 PM of 26.05.2023.
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OIPR- 13194/1/0015/2324 Sd/- (CEO) WATCO

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No 03 of 2023-24

O-108: The Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Bid through e - Pro-
curement in double cover system according to norm of e - Procure-
ment system in online mode for the different work in different blocks
under Balangir District.

01. Nature of Work :-Construction of ESR, UGR, pump house
with laying of rising main and distribution
in different villages of Balangir District.

02. Total No of work :- 02 No.
03. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 104.59 Lakh to 213.19 Lakh
04. Eligible Class of Contractor :- "B" "A" Contractor.
05. Period of Completion :- Eighteen month.
06. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identifi- cation No.	Availability of tender online for bidding
Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Balangir	03 of 2023-24	From Dt. 08.05.2023 At. 11.00 Hr. To Dt. 22.05.2023 upto. 17.00 Hrs

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, having its Head Office at Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004, being the secured creditor under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated:20.12.2022 calling upon the following borrowers/ guarantors to repay the amounts mentioned against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice:

Sl.No./A/c No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantors	Outstanding
01	SPL 10409 Smt. Shabeena Taj W/o Late Pyarejan Shariff, No. 34, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Bangalore-560026	1.Sri Aleem Shariff S/o Late Pyarejan Shariff, No.34, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Bangalore-560026 2. Sri Nayeem Sharif S/o Late Pyarejan Shariff, No.34, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Bangalore-560026 3. Sri Kaleem Shariff S/o Late Pyarejan Shariff, No.34, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Bangalore-560026 4. Sri Saleem Shariff S/o Late Pyarejan Shariff, No.34, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Bangalore-560026	Rs.14,83,421.00 as on 02.05.2023 with further interest and other charges

The above Borrowers/Guarantors have failed to repay the balance outstanding liability, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read Rule 8 of the said rules on this day of 02.05.2023.

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **SRI LAKSHMI MAHILA SAHAKARA BANK NIYAMITHA**, Gandhi Bazaar, Bangalore-560004 for the total outstanding liability of **Rs.14,83,421.00** with any further interest accrued thereon and other charges. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Mortgaged for the loan availed by Smt Shabeena Taj W/o Late Pyarejan Sharif
All that piece and parcel of immovable property belongs to Smt Shabeena Taj bearing New Municipal No.34, (PID No.44-4-34) situated at Jagajeevan Ram Nagar, 9th Main Road, Padarayyanapura, Ward No.44, Bangalore-560026 measures East to West 15 ft and North to South 50 ft with about 750 sq ft bounded as follows: East by: Private Property, West by: Passage, North by: Road, South by: Remaining Property of same site No.

Date :02.05.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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Declaration about criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **K. H. MUNIYAPPA**
Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**
(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)
Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**
*Name of Constituency : **179-DEVANAHALLI ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I K.H. MUNIYAPPA a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Status of dated	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	Addl. Senior Civil Judge and CJM Court KGF, Kolar District.	CR NO 95/2013, Dated 03-05-2013 CRLRP 1263 and 1264 of 2015 Case is pending before Honorable High Court of Karnataka	Sec. 341, 323, 504, 506, 34 IPC, 34 IPC R/W 3(1) (2) 10 SC/ST ACT A2

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

Sl.No.	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment Imposed
1	NIL	NIL	NIL



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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given by Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd (formerly known as Disha Microfin Pvt Ltd) that the following borrowers who have availed loan against property from Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd and failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan and that their loan account has been classified as Nonperforming Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to FINCARE as on date are also indicated here below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of FINCARE, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within **60 (Sixty) days** of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property and sell the same, the public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Total Loan Outstanding
1	1.Mr/Mrs. Hemavathi R/At: # at No.57, Talagavara Near Govt School Doddaballapura, Bangalore, KA-561203. 2.Mr/Mrs. Ravikumar R/At: # at No.57, Talagavara Near Govt School Doddaballapura, Bangalore, KA-561203. Loan Account Nos: 18660000097118, 206600000590962 and 21660000390207, Demand Notice Dated: 07-01-2023	Rs.5,64,743/- as on 30-12-2022 + further interest and charges, etc.
2	1.Mr/Mrs. Narayana V, R/At: Opposite to Vakkaligara Bahavan Road, Gangadharapura, Bengaluru Rural District, KA-561203. 2.Mr/Mrs. Jayalakshamma R/At: Opposite to Vakkaligara Bahavan Road, Gangadharapura Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District, Ka.561203. Loan Account Nos: 18660000100845, 21660000396136 Demand Notice Dated: 13-02-2023	Rs.2,87,640/- as on 28-01-2023 + further interest and charges, etc.
3	1.Mr/Mrs. Venkataramareddy, R/At: Kencharlahalli, Chintamani, KA-563125. 2.Mr/Mrs.Rajani R/At: Kencharlahalli, Kencharlahalli, Chintamani, Chintamani, KA-563125. Loan Account No.: 20660000381246, Demand Notice Dated: 13-02-2023	Rs.3,39,469/- as on 28-01-2023 + further interest and charges, etc.

Details of the Properties Mortgaged:- All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property situated at Property Bearing Talagavara Village, Kasababoli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bearing Kshaneswari Katha No.6/12, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet and Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., and Bounded On: East by: Property of Narayanappa, West by: Property of Ramakka, W/o. Nanjundappa, North by: Road, South by: Property of Shivanna.

Details of the Properties Mortgaged:- All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property situated At Property Bearing 1.Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District, KA-561203. 2.Mr/Mrs. Jayalakshamma R/At: Opposite to Vakkaligara Bahavan Road, Gangadharapura Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural District, Ka.561203. Presently within the Limits of Nagarasaba and Measuring East to West: 25 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft and the Same is Bounded, And Bounded On: East by: Site No. 229, West by: Site No.230, North by: Site No.205, South by: 20 Feet Road.

Details of the Properties Mortgaged:- All that Piece and Parcel of Immovable Property situated At e-Swathu in Property No. 178/173, in E-Swathu No.152800303200820123, Kenchanahalli Village, Kenchanahalli Gramapanchayath, Chikakalanerpu Hobli, Chintamani Town and Taluk, Chikakaballapur District, East to West 6.096 Meter, North to South 14.630 Meter, Total Measuring 89.18 Sq.Meters, along with Present and Future Construction thereon. And Bounded On: East by: Property of Venkataramareddy West by: Bhoi Venkatamma North by: Road South by: Anganawadi Building and Gramatana

Date: 04-05-2023, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer, Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that, my client **Smt. Manjula Manjunath Panchal**, W/o Manjunath Panchal, R/at No. 128/A, 3rd Main, Sakthi Garden, Kalyana Nagara, Nagarabhatta, Bengaluru-560072. Has lost the original registered gift deed related to immovable property situated at **Bengaluru North Taluk, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Nagarabhatta, Bengaluru. Dated 25.05.2009** the gift deed registered as document No. NGB-1-00683/2009-10, CD No. NGBD27 in the office of the Senior sub registrar, Nagarabhatta, Bengaluru. If anybody found the said registered original gift deed please hand over to my client in the above or below named. Please note it if anybody enter to make any illegal acts on the said original gift deed that my client is not responsible to the same, hence this public notice.

DINESH, Advocate
No. 1108/C, 4th Cross, 10th Main, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560104.
Mob: 9886289449.
Date: 03/05/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, Mrs.S.Venitha, wife of Tules Ram, flat No.5, Sappani Nilayam, Vandana Alpana Apartments, Mangamnapalya Mian Road, HSR Layout, Bangalore has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 22.06.2019, executed by M/s.Vars Builders and Developers private limited, represented by its Director Siddarth V.Reddy in favour of A.Suresh, registered as document No.BGR-1-01828/2019-20 in Book I and stored in CD No.BGRD469, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.2, BBMP Khathe No.76/16/1 and khathe No.78/16/1, carved out of Converted Sy.no.16/1, measuring East to west on the northern side 63.10 feet, Southern side 66.10 feet and North to South on the Eastern side 30 feet and on the Western side 30 feet, totally measuring 1938 sq.ft, situated at Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. A police complaint dated 27.04.2023 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authoritarily holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Seven days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as their like.

H.D.BASAPPA, Advocate
"GR.COMPLEX", # 31, 1st Floor, Service Road, Bommarlaya, Bangalore-560 071 Mobile : 9886349626 E-mail: basappa2018@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients intend to purchase the Schedule Property from MR. HAREESHA. T (Aadhar No.9717 2816 3671), Aged about 45 years, S/o Late Thyagaraju Reddy, Residing at No.35, 3rd Cross, L G Food Road, Near Saurthy Hospital, Tavarekere, Dharmaram College, Bangalore-560029.

Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction, may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within 7 days from the date of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential house built on Property bearing Site No.26, bearing E-Khattha No. 150200402306200065, formed in Property No.36/7 (Old No.36/2), Situated at Chikka Kameli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of Halanayakanahalli Village Panchayat, measuring East to West 20 Feet or 6.096 Meters and North to South (36 + 33)/2 Feet or 10.515 Meters, totally measuring 690 Sq.Ft., and bounded on the East by: Site No.26/1, West by: Site No.25, North by: Private Property, South by: Road. Consisting of RCC roofed residential house measuring 11.47 Sq.Mtrs., on the Stilt Floor, 39.19 Sq.Mtrs., on the Ground Floor, 39.19 Sq.Mtrs., on the First Floor, 39.19 Sq.Mtrs., on the Second Floor, 24.89 Sq.Mtrs., on the Terrace Floor having Vitrified Flooring with civic amenities.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates**, Advocates,
No.32, 1st Floor, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main K.K. Halli, Bangalore -560084.Ph. 9844011141 E-mail: krlavassociates@gmail.com

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No. MD/EZ/CGM/RDSS/FSP/NIT/584 **Jabalpur, dated: 28.04.2023**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 11 KV Lines, LT Line on AB cable, Distribution Transformer Substation and Supporting works such as DP's, TP's, Crossing etc. for separation of 11 KV Mix Feeders & Mix DTR's under Revamped Reforms - based and Results-linked Distribution Sector in MPKVVCL, Jabalpur Company Area on Turnkey basis as per tender specifications. The Bids will be received online on the portal <https://mptenders.gov.in> up to date & time as per key dates. The tender will be opened in the office of undersigned as mentioned in tender time schedule (key dates) in presence of bidders duly authorized representative who may like to be present at the time of opening of tender:-

S. No.	E-Tender No.	Package	Circle	Tender Value (in Rs. Lakh) (Incl. of GST)	Tender Fees (in Rs)	EMD (in Rs. Lakh)	Key Dates
1	2023_PKWC_270741	Package-13	Sagar	10949	25,000/- + 4500/- (GST)	218.98	Pre-Bid Meeting on 10/05/23 at 1230 Hrs (IST) Due date 24/05/23 till 1500 Hrs (IST) Date of opening 25/05/23 at 1500 Hrs (IST)
2	2023_PKWC_270742	Package-14	Damoh	7396		147.92	
3	2023_PKWC_270744	Package-15	Panna	11048		220.96	
4	2023_PKWC_270745	Package-16	Chhatarpur	13791		275.82	
5	2023_PKWC_270746	Package-17	Seoni & Narsinghpur	17670		353.40	

* For updated / extended due dates for opening of tender (EMD & Tender fees in Envelope-A, Techno-commercial bid in Envelope - B & Price Schedule in Envelope-C) please refer to the online key dates. Other details can be seen in the complete tender documents available on E-portal <https://mptenders.gov.in>.
SAVE ELECTRICITY **Chief General Manager (RDSS)**



Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Ashoka Chinnaswamy Raju (Borrower) Mrs. Veena Ashoka Raju (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005158695	All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing Nos.003 & 004 On The Ground Floor Of The Multi- Storied Building Known as "Sankeshwara Crystal", Constructed and Erected on Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (Earlier Bearing Portion of Old No 3, Then 23, Municipal Nos.5.6 & 7), Bbpm Katha No.22, Pid No.50-33-22, Situated at New School Road, Vv Puram, In Bbpm Ward No.50 (Vv Puram), Bangalore With Details and Other Attributes Mentioned Hereunder: Undivided Share In: 600 Sq. Ft., In The A Schedule 'A' Property Land. Super Built-up Area: 4200 Sq. Ft., Including Proportionate Share of Common Area With The Floors, Balcony, Ceiling and Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belonging To Such Apartment Owners Equally With Carpet area Measuring 3360 Sq. Ft., Garden Area: 600 Sq. Ft., Car Parking: Four Car Parking Spaces Accommodation: Consisting of Living-Cum-Dining Rooms, Pooja Rooms, Kitchens, Bed Rooms, Toilet/s & Balconies Roof: Rcc Flooring: Vitrified Tiles Walls: Solid Cement Blocks Doors & Windows: Aluminium Glazed Windows & Honne Door. Amenities Provided: Lift, Water, Electricity and Sanitary Connections	Rs. 4,82, 10,763.64 (as on April 30, 2023)	Rs. 3,20,00, 000/- Rs. 32,00,000/-	May 10, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 30, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link- www.disposalhub.com)**. The Mortgagees/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **May 29, 2023** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **May 29, 2023** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **May 29, 2023** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **May 29, 2023** before **05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at **Bangalore**.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 9844542086/8008999536/7304918084**.

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4ps
Date : **May 04, 2023**
Place : **Bengaluru**

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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(For candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil)No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Drs. Vs.Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: **N.NAGARAJU. (M.T.B)** Residing at No.69, Manjunatha Nilaya/Charana, Gaducharpalya, Mahadevpura Post, Bangalore-560048

Name of political party : **"BHARATHIYA JANATHA PARTY"**
Name of Election : **KARNATAKA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2023**
*Name of Constituency : **178- HOSKOTE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I, N.NAGARAJU (M.T.B) a candidate for the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Pending Criminal Cases	Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences			
	Name of Court	Case No. and status of the case	Sections of the acts & brief description of offence	Name of court and date (s) of order (s)	Description of offence(s) and punishment imposed
1	42nd ACMM, Special court for MP and MLA cases in Bengaluru City	C.C.No: 22180/2022	Sections 143, 147, 148, 353, 327, 427 of IPC and read with Section 131, 133 of RP Act and Section 3 & 25 of Arms Act. The alleged offence related to unlawful assembly, rioting, assault and election and Arms related offence. The case is related to the incident that has been alleged to be taken place during polling in booth no.45 in Assembly election of 2004	-NA-	-NA-

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ಅಪರಾಧ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಘೋಷಣೆ
(ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು 2011ರ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು.ಪಿ. (ಸಿಎಲ್) ಸಂ: 536 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25ನೇ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 2018 (ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು - ವಿರುದ್ಧ - ಭಾರತ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು)ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿದ ತೀರ್ಪಿಗೆ ಅನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ)
ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸ: **ಟಿ.ವೆಂಕಟರಮಯ್ಯ (ಅಪ್ಪಕರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್) # ಅಪ್ಪಕರನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಹುರಿಕುಂಟೆ ಅಂಚೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳಗವಂಕಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ - 561 203**
ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಕ್ಷದ ಹೆಸರು : **ಭಾರತೀಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್**
ಜನನಾವಕಾಶ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಹೆಸರು : **180 - ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ**
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1	XI. II ACMM Court Bangalore	C.C No. 7793 / 2021	u/s. 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases act of 2020 and U/s. 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC (Case Field during Makedatu Padayatre)	Not applicable	Not applicable



Harjinder Kang

Britain's FTA negotiator now new Deputy Envoy to India

LONDON

HARJINDER Kang, Britain's Chief Negotiator for the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) was on Wednesday named as the country's new Trade Commissioner to South Asia and Deputy High Commissioner for Western India.

Kang, who will succeed Alan Gemmell as Deputy High Commissioner, will play a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of the FTA expected to bring huge opportunities for UK businesses.

"I am delighted to welcome Harjinder to this role. He has been an integral part of our India trade deal negotiating team, and I'm confident he will use that experience to build on our outstanding track record on trade in South Asia, expanding opportunities for British businesses in untapped markets," said UK Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch.

Trade Commissioners lead the UK's overseas effort to promote trade, investment, trade policy and export finance. They are expected to generate business opportunities for the UK while contributing to the growth of sustainable, resilient, and productive economies across respective regions associated with their roles.

"It is an honour to be appointed as Trade Commissioner for South Asia and Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, both vibrant and growing regions which are pivotal to the UK's security and prosperity," said Kang. PTI

CONVERGENCE

Pak govt, Oppn agree to hold same-day polls

However, both the parties fail to reach a consensus on the date of the elections

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S coalition government and former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party have made "big progress" after they agreed to hold simultaneous elections under caretaker governments across the country but failed to reach a consensus on the date of the polls.

The decision was announced by a senior minister after overnight parleys between the government and the main opposition party to end a deadlock over the timing of provincial and federal elections.

The talks were held in the backdrop of the controversy with Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party seeking early polls and the government led by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) maintaining that provincial and federal elections across the country be held on the same day in October.

Talking to the media after the talks, the Leader of the House in the Senate and Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Muhammad Ishaq Dar termed the consensus on two points as a great positive achievement.

Dar said that there was consensus between both parties on holding simultaneous elections across the country to be held under caretaker governments and there was no confusion among anyone.

He added that there were many things in the backdrop that played a key role including the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the concept of caretaker governments and simultane-

Deal yet to be reached to dissolve assemblies

Islamabad: Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Vice Chairman of former PM Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) said that the agreement was yet to be reached on the date for dissolving the National Assembly and Sindh and Balochistan assemblies. He said the PTI has proposed that these assemblies be dissolved before or on May 14 before polls were held simultaneously across the country.

ous polls for free, fair and transparent elections without any controversy.

However, he said a consensus was yet to be reached on the date of the elections. "We have narrowed down on the date... but we have yet to reach an agreement," he said, adding that both sides would consult their leadership on the matter.

He termed the consensus on holding one-day elections in the country as "big progress."

The minister said both sides have shown flexibility and if they continue to work towards a resolution with sincerity, "the third stage (finalisation of the election date), which will be the final stage, will also be successful."

Speaking alongside him, the Pakistan People's Party's (PPP) Yousuf Raza Gilani said it was also agreed that both sides would accept the poll results.

The issue of elections has rocked Pakistani politics as Imran Khan demanded snap polls when he was voted out of power in April last year. PTI

BLINKEN SCEPTICAL OF RUSSIA'S CLAIMS; UKRAINE SAYS DRONE ATTACKS STAGED

WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES' Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday he is highly sceptical of any allegations made by Russia, after Moscow claimed Kyiv had launched a drone attack on the Kremlin.

"I've seen the reports. I cannot validate them, we simply don't know," Blinken said at an event in Washington on press freedoms. "I would take anything coming out of the Kremlin with a very large shaker of salt."

Russia said two drones targeted Putin's Kremlin residence at night, describing it as a Ukrainian "terrorist attack" ahead of the important May 9 holiday, when Russia celebrates victory over Nazi Germany in World War II.

Ukraine denied the claim, suggesting the attack was



A wounded child is helped by police officers at a local supermarket following a Russian strike in the southern Ukrainian town of Kherson on Wednesday | AFP

"staged" by Russia.

"Ukraine has nothing to do with drone attacks on the Kremlin," presidential spokesman Mikhailo Podolyak said.

Meanwhile, the death toll from Russian strikes on Ukraine's southern Kherson region on Wednesday has risen to 21 people, President Volody-

myr Zelenskyy said.

"As of now, 21 people have been killed! 48 wounded!" Zelenskyy said on Telegram. He said the shelling hit "a railway station and a crossing, a house, a hardware store, a grocery supermarket and a gas station."

Ukrainian officials had earlier said that 16 people were killed in the region.

The city of Kherson lies near the frontline in southern Ukraine. Officials also announced on Wednesday that Kherson will be under curfew for 58 hours from Friday.

Long curfews have been used by Ukrainian authorities in the past to facilitate troop and arms movements.

The head of Kherson's regional military administration Oleksandr Prokudin said the curfew would last from 1700 GMT on Friday until 0300 GMT on Monday. AFP

SINGAPORE

APPLIANCE MAKER TO OPEN BATTERY PLANT

High-end appliance maker Dyson said on Wednesday that it would open a new factory in Singapore to manufacture next-generation batteries, and new facilities to boost its research into AI and software development. At the size of 53 basketball courts, Dyson said the new plant was expected to be fully operational by 2025 and would be its most significant investment in advanced manufacturing. The firm said research teams had been working globally on new technology for batteries, which would be assembled in a "smart, digitally enabled environment"

ASIA MATTERS



INDONESIA

8 TASK FORCES TO GUARD ASEAN SUMMIT

Indonesia's National Police Security Maintenance Agency said that the police has formed eight task forces to secure the 42nd ASEAN Summit in Labuan Bajo, East Nusa Tenggara. The eight task forces involve Pre-emptive Task Force, the Preventive Task Force, the Walrolakir Task Force, the Gakum Task Force, the Action Task Force, and others

THAILAND

PM CANDIDATE SET TO RESUME CAMPAIGNING

A popular candidate for prime minister of Thailand said on Wednesday she's eager to get back on the campaign trail, just two days after giving birth. Speaking at a news conference at the hospital in Bangkok where she gave birth, Paetongtarn Shinawatra said her new baby boy wouldn't affect her ability to rally support for her Pheu Thai party with just under two weeks to go before the polls. "I believe good things come along with children," she said, sitting beside her husband, Pidot Sooksawas. "I believe that children are my secret power to work, and to lead everyday life"

EXPRESS READ

India does not adhere to IPCA protocols: US report

Washington: India is among the 14 countries that do not adhere to any protocols concerning international parental child abduction (IPCA), according to a United States report said. "In 2022, India continued to demonstrate a pattern of noncompliance. As a result of this failure, 65% of requests for the return of abducted children remained unresolved for more than 12 months," the report said.

Syria and Iran sign oil and trade agreements

Damascus: The presidents of Iran and Syria signed on Wednesday a series of long-term cooperation agreements on oil and other sectors to bolster economic ties between the two allies. Syrian state media said Iran's Ebrahim Raisi and his Syrian counterpart Bashar Assad, signed agreements and memorandums of understanding related to several sectors, including oil, agriculture, railways and free trade zones.

SECOND SEIZURE

Iran's paramilitary captures tanker in Strait of Hormuz

DUBAI

IRAN'S paramilitary Revolutionary Guard seized a Panamanian-flagged oil tanker in Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday, the second such capture by Tehran in under a week.

The taking of the oil tanker Niovi renewed concerns about Iran threatening maritime traffic in the strait, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a fifth of all crude passes.

The US Navy published surveillance footage shot by an aerial drone of about dozen Guard vessels swarming the tanker on Wednesday morning. The drone had been on a routine patrol in the area and saw the seizure, though the Navy did not receive a distress call from the Niovi itself. 5th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins said. Those Guard ships "forced the oil tanker to reverse course and head toward Iranian territorial waters off the coast of Bandar Abbas, Iran," the Navy said.

"Iran's actions are contrary to international law and disruptive to regional security and stability," the 5th Fleet said in a statement.

"Iran's continued harassment of vessels and interference with navigational rights in regional waters is unwarranted, irresponsible and a present threat to maritime security and the global economy."

Iran acknowledged the seizure, with the judiciary's Mizan news agency quoting the Tehran prosecutor's office as saying that a judge ordered it impounded over an unspecified complaint. AP

13-YEAR-OLD BOY GUNS DOWN 8 STUDENTS IN BELGRADE

BELGRADE

A 13-year-old who opened fire on Wednesday at his school in Serbia's capital drew sketches of classrooms and made a list of people he intended to target in a meticulously planned attack, police said. He killed eight fellow students and a guard before being arrested.

The shooter first killed a guard at the school in central Belgrade and then three students in a hallway, according to senior police official Veselin Milic. He then entered a history classroom—apparently choosing it simply because it was close to the entrance—and opened fire again, Milic said.

The assailant called police

himself when the attack was over, though authorities received a call reporting the shooting two minutes earlier.

A father of a student said the shooter entered his daughter's classroom, firing at her teacher and then her classmates as they ducked under their desks. Most students at the school were able to flee through a back door, ac-

cording to a local official.

While Milic said the shooter planned the attack for a month, sketching classrooms and writing out a list of children he planned to "liquidate," authorities said they did not know the motive for shooting. Authorities declared three days of nationwide mourning, starting on Friday

Police identified the shooter

as Kosta Kecmanovic, who attended the Vladislav Ribnikar school, where students would typically range in age from 6 to 15. Because he is under 14, Kecmanovic can't face criminal charges, the Belgrade prosecutor's office said. Social services will determine what happens to him. He carried two guns belonging to his father—at least

one a handgun—and four Molotov cocktails. Interior Minister Bratislav Gasic said the weapons were licensed and kept in a safe but the teen, who had been to shooting ranges, apparently knew the code.

It's not clear how many rounds were fired, but police said the shooter reloaded the handgun. AP

FORMAT C-1

(For Candidate to Publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases

Name and address of candidate: **R. ASHOKA, NO.123, SRI NILAYA, GRAPE**

GARDEN,SHARDAMBHANAGAR, JALAHALLI VILLAGE, BENGALURU - 560 013.

Name of political party: **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**

Name of Election: **ELECTION TO THE KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2023**

Name of Constituency: **171-PADMANABHANAGAR,184 - KANAKPURA**

I **R. ASHOKA**, a candidate for the above mentioned election declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending criminal cases

Sl No	Name of Court	Case No.and Dated	Status of case(s)	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)
1	Court of the LXXXI Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Metropolitan Area.	Cr. No.19/2018 (3rd January,2018) FIR No.5/2018 (Dated 8th January, 2018)	FIR No.5/2018 has been subsequently transferred to the Karnataka Lokayukta. SLP (Cr.) No.9070/2018 is pending before the Honourable Supreme Court with respect to FIR No. 5/2018, Vide Order dated: 26th October 2018, the Honourable Supreme Court has issued a stay. The said order continues to remain in force.	Sections 13(1) (c) and 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 420 read with Section 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. It is alleged that the Committee for Regularisation of Unauthorised Occupation has committed certain irregularities in the process of regularization of unauthorised cultivations.

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences - NOT APPLICABLE

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, THE WORD ITSELF SAYS 'I'M POSSIBLE'! > AUDREY HEPBURN

QuoteExpress



From left, Elaheh Mohammadi, Narges Mohammadi and Niloufar Hamed

Jailed Iranian female journos win top UN prize

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations announced on Tuesday night that its premier prize for press freedom has been awarded to three imprisoned Iranian female journalists "for their commitment to truth and accountability."

The winners are Niloufar Hamed who broke the news that 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died last September, and Elaheh Mohammadi who wrote about her funeral. The third winner is Narges Mohammadi, who has worked for many years as a journalist and is one of Iran's most prominent activists.

UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay announced the winners at a ceremony in New York, saying, "Now more than ever, it is important to pay tribute to all women journalists who are prevented from doing their jobs and who face threats and attacks on their personal safety."

Zainab Salbi, chair of the international jury of media professionals that chose the winners, said the brave work of the three winners "led to a historical women-led revolution."

"They paid a hefty price for their commitment to report on and convey the truth," Salbi

said. "And for that, we are committed to honouring them and ensuring their voices will continue to echo worldwide until they are safe and free."

In late April, Iran's judiciary acknowledged that two reporters who broke news on Amini's death, Hamed and Elaheh Mohammadi, had been indicted on charges of collaborating with the US, acting against national security, and creating "propaganda against the system."

While nearly 100 journalists have been arrested amid the demonstrations, Hamed and Elaheh Mohammadi's reporting was crucial in the days after Amini's death to spread word about the anger that followed. Niloufar Hamed works for the reformist newspaper *Shargh*, while Elaheh Mohammadi works for the reformist newspaper *Ham-Mihan*.

According to UNESCO, both Niloufar Hamed and Elaheh Mohammadi have been in Iran's Evin Prison since September, and Hamed has been in solitary confinement.

Narges Mohammadi has been repeatedly detained and imprisoned by authorities, and UNESCO said she is currently serving a 16-year prison sentence in Evin Prison. AP

Banks have ₹6,521 crore exposure to insolvent Go First Airlines

In total, liabilities of the budget airline to creditors stand at ₹11,463 crore, including dues to banks, financial institutions, vendors and aircraft lessors

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

WITH Go First Airlines filing for bankruptcy, the lenders are staring at a huge hit to their loans to the budget airline. Banks have exposure of around Rs6,521 crore to the airline and its financial troubles will make it difficult for the lenders to recover their loans from the airline.

The lenders to Wadia-group owned Go First include Central Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Axis Bank, IDBI Bank, and Deutsche Bank.

The banks will hold a meeting on Thursday to discuss about their future course of action regarding their exposure to the cash-strapped airline. "It is a consortium loan to the airline. We will meet tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss this issue," a senior official of one of banks having exposure to the airline told this newspaper.

Go First had cancelled flights its flights after the company filed an application for voluntary insolvency on Tuesday.

Public sector lender Central Bank of India has the highest exposure of nearly Rs2,000

Go First's troubles hit banks

₹6,521 crore: Total exposure of banks to Go First

₹2,000 crore: Exposure of Central Bank of India to Go First



₹1,430 cr Exposure of Bank of Baroda to Go First



crore to the airline. Bank of Baroda's exposure is around ₹1,430 crore, while Deutsche Bank's exposure is about ₹1,320 crore.

The exposure of IDBI Bank is much less at ₹50 crore. "Central Bank of India's outstanding exposure to Go First Airlines as on March 31, 2023, is ₹1,305 crore and additional amount of ₹682 crore sanctioned under emergency line of credit guaranteed by Government of India. Our exposure to the Company is only 0.91% of our total advances as

of March 31, 2023, and interest charged upto April 30, 2023, is serviced by the company," Central Bank of India said in a filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The bank has made contingency provisions of more than ₹1,500 crore in the books to strengthen the balance sheet.

Axis Bank clarified on Wednesday that it has no outstanding exposure to the airline.

"We would like to inform that as on date Axis Bank has Nil (fund based and non-fund

based) outstanding from Go Airlines," said Axis Bank in a filing to the BSE.

The impact of banks' exposure to the airline was also visible in the stock market as shares of the banks plunged on Wednesday.

Shares of Central Bank of India declined 5% to ₹28.65 apiece, Bank of Baroda shares declined 2% to ₹184 apiece while Axis Bank shares closed 1% to ₹860 apiece on the BSE.

Banks are not much hopeful about the recovery of loans. Lenders believe that once a company files for bankruptcy the process of recovery becomes time consuming due to many claims and counter claims. Usually, the recovery from such cases is around 20-30% of total loans.

In total, the airline's liabilities to all creditors stand at ₹11,463 crore, including dues to banks, financial institutions, vendors and aircraft lessors.

The Wadia group's airline had blamed Pratt & Whitney for its decision to file a voluntary bankruptcy petition with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Go First CEO addresses anxious staff, passengers stranded in India, abroad

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

PASSENGERS and employees of GoFirst are left stranded at different locations across India and abroad as the low-cost carrier cancelled all flights for 3 days (May 3-5) and filed for voluntary insolvency.

Moreover, to calm the nerves of over 5,000 anxious employees, Go First's CEO Kaushik Khona on Tuesday told them that the company is concerned about their future and will take "utmost care" of them. "We want to reassure you that we are doing everything possible to navigate this situation with the utmost care and concern for all employees," said Khona.

Two employees of Go First this newspaper spoke to said that they have no clue about the airline's course of action after May 5. "This is a big setback for us. We fear that we may lose our jobs if the airline shuts operations for a longer period of



time," one of the employees said. As for passengers, they are stranded in different cities of India and Asian countries. To reach their pre-booked destination, they are now forced to a hefty amount.

"We are paying ₹53,000 for two passengers now while our roundtrip cost for 2 passengers booked last month was ₹69,000. We have to extend our stay by one day as return tickets, asked by our travel agent, for May 4 was around ₹1.45 lakh," said Alen B Krishna, an entrepreneur from Trivandrum who is stuck in Thailand.

Krishna said that he hopes to get a refund for his cancelled flight but as of now, there is no support from Go First customer care and his travel agency. "Our last day in Thailand and a visit to phi phi Island was ruined as we were constantly worried about our return," he said.

Like Krishna, there are hundreds of passengers stuck abroad. GoFirst cabin crew and pilots are left at different locations. A large number of domestic passengers expressed their anger and accused other airlines of charging exorbitant fares for flights in the same sector. Go First has said a full refund will be issued to the passengers. The airline on Tuesday filed for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Delhi. It said that a severe financial crunch due to non-supply of engines by Pratt & Whitney (P&W) forced the airline to take this extreme step.

SpiceJet deploys ₹400 cr to revive 25 grounded planes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ New Delhi

BUDGET carrier SpiceJet on Wednesday said it is working to revive 25 grounded planes.

For this purpose the company has mobilised ₹400 crore so far. The announcement comes a day after competitor Go First filed for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings and decided to cancel flights for three days starting May 3.

SpiceJet, in a statement, said

funds for the revival of the 25 aircraft will be drawn from the government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) and better cash accruals. The airline has about 80 planes in its fleet and is looking to revive 25 grounded Boeing 737 and Q400 aircraft.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet, said, "We are meticulously working towards return to service of our grounded fleet back in the air soon."

India may lose bargaining power with Russia for crude oil

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

WITH more countries looking to buy crude oil from Russia, India may lose the bargaining power that it had earlier and this may lead to plateauing of imports from Russia.

Sector analysts feel there is a limit to the volume of medium-sour crude Indian refiners can process, as the oil companies have to fulfil their term contracts with their traditional suppliers from West Asia.

India, the third-largest importer of crude, has enhanced its import significantly after

the Russian and Ukraine war. Russian crude, which used to constitute less than 2% till 2021-22 in India's crude basket, now constitutes its highest.

As per energy intelligence firm Vortexa, India's crude basket constitutes 34.5% from Rus-

sia, and the country imported 16,31,000 barrel per day (bpd) in April 2023.

"India's imports of Russian crude in the past months have seen a slowdown in month-on-month growth, and volumes could peak soon. There is a lim-

it to the volume of medium-sour crude Indian refiners can process and they do have to fulfil their term contracts with their Middle East suppliers," said Serena Huang, head of APAC analysis at Vortexa.

According to her, India is also facing strong competition from China for Russian Urals, which could cap the upside on India's imports of Russian crude. Huang is of the view that higher demand for Russian crude should reduce the negotiating power for Indian refiners, allowing Russia to reduce the discounts on its crude.

As per the reports, India currently gets discounts of up to \$15-20 a barrel, now has fallen below \$10 per barrel.

Meanwhile, India imported 1,678 kbpd (thousand barrels per day) Russian crude in April. Among them private oil companies such as Reliance imported 747 kbpd, and government PSUs like HPCL, BPCL, and IOCL imported 931 kbpd from Russia. Among its traditional suppliers from the Middle East, India imported 812 bpd crude from Iraq, 671 bpd from Saudi, 185 kbpd from the UAE and 119 kbpd from the US.

'Don't have mandate to regulate OTTs'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ New Delhi

TELECOM Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) Chairman PD Vaghela on Wednesday said that there should be a level-playing field when it comes to licensing across different content delivery technologies, including over-the-top (OTT) platform applications.

As per the reports, while speaking at an industry event in Mumbai, Vaghela said that Trai has limited mandate that it could only regulate those whom the government has issued a licence. He further added that currently OTTs do not require a licence to operate, Trai is undertaking research on the matter.

The regulatory body is also mulling to bring a consultation paper on it and make recommendations to the government on the same. Vaghela also said that it would be better for the ecosystem in telecom and broadcasting if the existing players were given some relief when it comes to regulation, rather than introducing new regulations for new players and technologies in these sectors.

CoC can't finalise RCap resolution: Credit Suisse

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ Mumbai

THE resolution process of Reliance Capital hit another roadblock as Credit Suisse, on Wednesday, said the Committee of Creditors (CoC) does not have the power to approve the resolution plan pending litigation in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

Credit Suisse claimed in a letter to the Administrator that its debt of Rs659.80 crore, which had been claimed by it as a financial creditor, was rejected by the Administrator. This has been challenged by it in the NCLT Mumbai and the matter is pending.

Credit Suisse claimed it is a secured creditor as it has pledged

created over RCap's entire shareholding in Reliance General Insurance. IDBI Trusteeship Services holds these shares on its behalf, in the capacity of trustee/security agent.

"The cost of CIRP would invariably increase in the event the resolution plan has to test waters post the decision of the Claim Rejection IA

which would then once again lead to reconstitution of the CoC. Besides, it would also lead to multiplicity of proceedings that would emanate from such unilateral action," said the letter. Hinduja Group firm IndusInd International Holdings has emerged as the highest bidder with an offer of ₹9,650 crore in the second round of auction held last month.

EXPRESS READ

Nexus Select Trust IPO to open on May 9, price band at ₹95-100 a share

MUMBAI: Nexus Select Trust on Wednesday fixed price band for its initial public offering (IPO) at ₹95-100 a share. The country's first REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) IPO will open for subscription on May 9 and close on May 11. Total size of the public issue is ₹3,200 crore, which includes fresh issue of up to ₹1,400 crore and offer for sale (OFS) up to ₹1,800 crore. "The company's net debt is ₹3,600 crore. Funds be utilised to pay ₹1,050 crore debt, ₹27 crore for acquisitions of 27% stake in Treasure Island and rest for corporate expenses," Nexus Select Mall CFO Rajesh Deo said. *ENS*

Adani Total Gas auditor, mentioned in Hindenburg report, resigns

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ New Delhi

AHMEDABAD-based chartered accountancy firm Shah Dhandharia & Co., which was named in Hindenburg Research's stinging report on Adani Group, has resigned as statutory auditor of Adani Total Gas, citing 'professional pre-occupation' as the reason.

The resignation comes less than a year after Shah Dhandharia was appointed by the company on July 26, 2022, for a term of five years.

"We have carefully evaluated and due to increased profes-

sional pre-occupation in other assignment, we regrettably propose our resignation. Our resignation does not result from an inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence. There are no other circumstances connected with our resignation which we consider should be brought to the notice of the Board," said Shah Dhandharia to the Board of Adani Total Gas.

Adani Total Gas appointed Walker Chandok & Co as the new statutory auditor, effective May 2, for a period of five years in its first term.

Hindenburg in a report pub-

lished this January had accused Adani Group of accounting frauds and stock manipulation among other things.

It had said that the use of auditor Shah Dhandharia & Co is a malpractice as the accounting firm just had four partners and 11 employees. Some employees were as young as 23-24 years of age, while the partner who signed off on the company's financials was just 28.

Shah Dhandharia is also the auditor of the flagship company of the group, Adani Enterprises. It is not known whether they would continue to hold their position.

Q4FY23 RESULTS

Adani Wilmar net profit down 60% to ₹94 crore

NEW DELHI: Edible oil major Adani Wilmar on Wednesday reported a 60% fall in consolidated net profit at ₹93.61 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 2023 on lower revenue. Its net profit stood at ₹234.29 crore in the year-ago period. Total income fell to ₹13,945.02 crore For Q4FY23 from ₹14,979.83 crore in the year-ago period, Adani Wilmar said in a regulatory filing. During the full last fiscal, Adani Wilmar's net profit declined to ₹582.12 crore from ₹803.73 crore in the previous financial year. The company's total income, however, increased to ₹58,446.16 crore from ₹54,327.16 crore in the previous year.

MRF net profit jumps 86% at ₹313.5 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ New Delhi

TYRE manufacturing company MRF Limited on Wednesday reported an 86% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹313.5 crore for the fourth quarter of financial year 2022-23 (FY23) as against ₹168.5 crore in the year-ago period.

It also announced a dividend of ₹169 (1,690% on the face value of ₹10 per share) per share. Along with two interim dividends of ₹3 each per share already paid, total dividends works out to ₹175 (1,750 per cent) per share for FY23, the company said in a stock exchange filing.



According to the company, the record date and payment date for the dividend payment will be announced soon.

The company's consolidated revenue from core operations increased 10% to ₹5,842 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 2023 as against ₹5,305

crore a year ago. Other income of the company increased marginally to ₹70 crore as compared to ₹66 crore a year ago. The company's share closed gained 5.65% at ₹93,600 on Wednesday.

The company's net profit for the full financial year FY23 was at ₹768.96, up 14.9%, compared to ₹669.24 crore for the previous financial year. Income. The tyre maker's profit before tax stood at ₹1,069.74 crore. Despite efforts being taken to pass on the cost increases in a graduated manner, the profitability continued to be low during the first three quarters of the year.

Uco Bank net up 86% to ₹581 cr on improvement in asset quality

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

@ Mumbai

PUBLIC sector Uco Bank on Tuesday reported an 86.2% rise in net profit to ₹581.24 crore for the fourth quarter of FY23 on the back of improvement in asset quality. The bank posted a ₹312.18 crore net profit in the a year ago period.

Total income of the bank rose 36% to ₹5,946.94 crore during the quarter from ₹4,361.63 crore a year ago.

Uco Bank has reported its

highest-ever annual net profit of ₹1,862.34 crore in 2022-23 against ₹929.76 crore in the preceding fiscal, registering a nearly 100% year-on-year growth, according to the Kolkata headquartered lender. The net interest income at ₹7,343.13 crore during the year too was the bank's highest ever. The bank's gross non-performing assets (NPA) in the fourth quarter declined to 4.78 per cent from 7.89 per cent a year ago. Similarly, the net NPA too declined to 1.29 per cent in Q4FY23 from 2.7%.

Titan net profit rises 40% to ₹736 crore

NEW DELHI: Tata group firm Titan Company on Wednesday reported a 40% increase in consolidated net profit at ₹736 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 2023. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹527 crore in the year-ago period, Titan Company Ltd said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated total income during the quarter under review stood at ₹10,474 crore as compared to ₹7,872 crore in the year-ago period, it added. Total expenses were higher at ₹9,486 crore, from ₹7,165 crore in Q4FY23, the company said. During the quarter, jewellery segment had a total income of ₹7,576 crore, up 24%, compared to Q4FY22. *ENS*

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

Government of India
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 1)
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore
DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/266/2022 19-09-2022

CANARA BANK *VERSUS* **SRI. JAGADIP H**

In the Matter of:
(CH-1) CANARA BANK (ERSTWHILE SYNDICATE BANK) RPC LAYOUT BRANCH, BENGALURU - 560 040.
---APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER
---VERSUS---
To,
(CD-1) SRI. JAGADIP H, S/o. HARISHANDRA, No.76, 2ND MAIN, MUNIRAMANNA BLOCK, GANAGURU EXTENSION, BENGALURU - 560 032.
ALSO AT: DELL INDIA PVT LTD., EMPLOYEE NO. 914316, SOFTWARE ENGINEER, 12/1, 12/2A, 13/1A, DIVYASHREE GREENS, KORAMANGALA, INNER RING ROAD, DOMLUR POST, BENGALURU - 560 071.

---DEFENDANTS/CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1) in **OA/1171/2019** an amount of **Rs.47,81,398.76 (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Eighty One Thousands Three Hundred Ninety Eight And Paise Seventy Six Only)** along with pendente lite and future interest @ 12.25 % w.e.f. 20/06/2019 till realization and costs of **Rs.1,10,000 (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousands Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally) Fully/Partially. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **19/10/2022 at 10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **19/09/2022.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER
RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

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NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Koramangala Layout Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: 1.M/s Jyotsnareddy Hospital Private Limited, Maruthi Patalappa Complex No 9, Akshaynagar TC Palya Main Road Kowdenahalli, Bangalore-560016
2.Mr. Dr. Y. Raghavendra Reddy, S/o Y Narappa Reddy, No. 308, HBR Layout, 1st Block, 8th E Main Road, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043
3.Mrs. K Pramoda, D/o K Ramachandra Reddy, No 12- 3- 790, Jesus Nagar, Near Jayamannamma Kalyanamandapam, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh-515001
4.Mrs. Yerragunta Hemavathi, D. NO. 12-2-416, 3rd Cross, Harihara Nagar West, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh-515001
5.Mrs. K Chennakesavamma,W/o K Ramachandra Reddy, No 12-3- 790, Jesus Nagar, Near Jayamannamma Kalyanamandapam, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh-515001.
6.Shri. K. Ramachandra Reddy, S/o K Obi Reddy, No 12- 3- 790, Jesus Nagar, Near Jayamannamma Kalyanamandapam, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh-515001.

SCHEDULE A :

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	0885261005529	OCC	25-10-2019	2,50,00,000.00
2	0885768000247	TERM LOAN	25-10-2019	6.00,00,000.00
3	0885755000010	GECL 1.0	11-06-2020	1.19,00,000.00
4	0885768000260	TERM LOAN	11-08-2020	3.72,00,000.00
5	170000484028	TERM LOAN	04-08-2021	80.00,000.00
6	170001387524	GECL 1.0 (EXTENSION)	30-10-2021	2.00,00,000.00

Total Liability as on 15.04.2023 : **Rs. 14,40,65,636.19** (Rupees Fourteen Crore Forty lakh Sixty Five thousand Six hundred thirty six rupees and nineteen paise)+ further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Details of Security Assets : **Movable :** Hypothecation of Stocks and Book debts and Medical equipments and machineries.
Immovable Properties : 1) Property situated within Anantapur Municipal Corporation Area within SRD & RD of Anantapur in Ward No. 13, TS No. 2074-1, Block A, Plot No.3 including Shed bearing Door Nos 13-3-367, 13-03-368, Asst No. 1001049967, RTC Bus Stand Road, Anantpur Municipal Corporation, Anantapuram District, Andhra Pradesh within following boundaries: East by: Plot of P Habeeb Khan in Plot No. 3 and open site of Akhila Begum and others, South by: Plot No. 4, Block B in T P No.79/77 of D Fakrudin, West by: RTC compound wall, North by: 20 feet Road Measuring a total of 397.41 sq. yds.

Name of the Title holder : Smt. K Chennakesavamm
2. a) Property situated within Anantpur Municipal Corporation Area within the SRD and RD of Anantpur, at Ward No. 12, Sy.No.284/2, Plot No.7, LP No.26/63, Jesus Nagar, Anantpur Municipal Corporation, Anantapuram District, Andhra Pradesh. Bounded by : East by: Plot No. 12, South by: Remaining Portion of Plot in plot, No 7 belongs to K Ramachandra Reddy. West by : 40 Feet Road, North by: Plot No. 6 Measuring a total of 1728 sq. ft. or 193.6 Sq. Yds.
Name of the Title holder : Smt. K Chennakesavamm
b) Property situated within Anantpur Municipal Corporation Area within the SRD and RD of Anantpur, at Ward No. 12, Sy.No.284/2, Plot No.7, LP No.26/63, Jesus Nagar, Anantpur Municipal Corporation, Anantapuram District, Andhra Pradesh. Bounded by : East by: Plot No. 12, South by: House of V Venkataram Reddy. West by: 40 Feet Road, North by: Remaining Portion of Plot in plot, No 7 belongs to K Ramachandra Reddy. Measuring a total of 1592 sq. ft. or 290.04 Sq. Yds. The above items Nos. a and b are adjacent plots. Mrs. K Chennakesavamma and Mr. K Ramachandra Reddy constructed a house bearing Door No 12-3-790 Asst No. 1001046170 on it.
Name of the Title holder : Shri. K Ramachandra Reddy
Date of NPA: 11.04.2023 Demand Notice Date:17.04.2023

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 02.05.2023 **Canara Bank**

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal
Phone No. 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No. 03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)
Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited for the following:-
1. SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING & TESTING OF CASSETTE AIR CONDITIONERS – 2TR AT BRNNMPL, SALBONI; TENDER No. 004/SAL/PUR/2023-24 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹33.00 LAKH)
2. DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, TESTING AND TRAINING OF HYDRAULIC POWERED SPOOL BANKNOTE PUNCHING / DEFACING MACHINE AT BRNNMPL, SALBONI; TENDER No. 005/SAL/PUR/2023-24 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹10.00 LAKH)
3. EXTERNAL PAINTING OF KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, PUMP HOUSE, STP-I & II AND OTHER BUILDINGS AT BRNNMPL, SALBONI; TENDER No. 002/SAL/MMD-CIVIL/2023-24 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹107.31 LAKH)

Last date of submission of the above tenders is 06.06.2023 at 11:30 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brnnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on our website only.

Chief General Manager

AXIS BANK
Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD.**, Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated 20.12.2022 calling upon the **Mrs. Pavithra Srinath D/o Ananth Padmanabhan Rao, Flat No 102, Brigade Vintage, No.64 Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 (Borrower /Mortgager), Mr. Srinath P Kedilaya S/o Prabhakara Balekunnur Kedilaya, Flat No 102, Brigade Vintage, No.64, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 (Co Borrower)**, to repay the amount **Rs.1,53,86,726/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the **Loan Account no's : LPR00904852188, ECR00906278469**, being the amount due as on 15.12.2022 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **03.05.2023**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD.**, for an amount of **Rs.1,53,86,726/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Only)** being the amount due as on 15.12.2022 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential site measuring 45x50 consisting of two storied building bearing house no.972, Katha No.709 situated at Kavalbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Now (#972, L.R Bante Road, Kavalbyrasandra New Extension, R.T Nagar Post) Bangalore-32, bounded as follows: East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : 30 feet Road, South By : Private Property.

For any clarification please contact : Mr. Thirumoorthy +91-9036773553
Date : 03.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

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Canara Bank

Nelamangala-II Branch
No.3385/3388,
Paramanna Layout, Nelamangala-562123
Tel:080-27723777.
E-mail: cb10490@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Nelamangala-II Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: 1. Mr. Basavaraju K, S/o Krishna Bhovi, Dasanapura Hobli, Pillahalli, Ranaji Palya, Arasinakunte Post, Bangaluru Rural Dist., Pin : 562123, Ph: 7975778992, 2.Mrs. Lakshmi Devi, W/o Mr. Basavaraju K, Dasanapura Hobli, Pillahalli, Ranaji Palya, Arasinakunte Post, Bangaluru Rural Dist, Pin : 562123, Ph : 8970207488

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	04909730000030	SyndNIVAS Ready built	22.09.2017	Rs.5,60,000/-
	04909910000195	Synd MSE	24.01.2018	Rs.2,00,000/-

(In the name of Smt. Lakshmi Devi)

Total Liability as on 31.03.2023 : **Rs. 5,70,994.17/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand nine hundred ninety four Rupees and seventeen paise only) + together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Details of Security Assets -Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of residential complex No 25 and No 26 Blocks consisting of 64 flats of 1 bhk , constructed on the property Sy No 113, Aluru Village , Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk , Bangalore , East to west : 59.20 mtrs, North to South : 17.50 mtrs and total land measuring 1036.00 sqmtrs and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : BDA property boundary/Road , North by : Passage , South by : Road.
Schedule B : 1/366/64" of Undivided share and equal right in Schedule "A" property
Schedule C : All that piece and parcel of residential flat No. B26-007 (1 BHK), Ground floor ,26 Block, measuring 33.526 sqmtrs built up area in the residential complex constructed at Aluru on schedule A property together with proportionate share in the common areas , passages, lobbies, staircases, lift and other areas of common use .
Bounded by : East : House No B 26-008, West : Passage, North : Road, South : House No B26-006.
Name of the Title holder: Mr.Basavaraju K,
Date of NPA: 30.07.2021 Demand Notice Date:11.04.2023

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 27.04.2023 **Canara Bank**

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Canara Bank

Nelamangala-II Branch,
DP Code: 10490
No.3385/3388, Paramanna Layout,
Nelamangala-562123, Tel:080-27723777.
Mob. No.: 9449862004
E-mail: cb10490@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Nelamangala-II Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: Smt. M Rathna, W/o Venkatesh R., Site No. 74, Ward No. 70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, PIN : 560058, Ph : 9902251689.
Guarantor: Sri Venkatesh R, S/o Ramappa, Site No. 74, Ward No. 70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, PIN : 560058, Ph : 9902251689

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	04907830000217	Mortgage Loan	23.12.2015	Rs.24,70,000/-

Total Liability as on 31.03.2023 : **Rs. 15,55,496.35/-** (Rupees Fifteen lakhs fifty five thousand four hundred ninety six rupees thirty five paise only) + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Details of Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of eastern portion of the property bearing site No. 74, Khata No. 65/74/126/2A, under Sy No 126/2A, situated at old Ward No.27.Present ward No. 70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 15 ft and North to South 40 ft, in all measuring 600 sq. ft. And bounded on the **East by :** Site No 73, **West by :** Western portion of site No 74, **North by :** Site No 65, **South by :** 30 ft Road

Name of the Title holder:Smt. M. Rathna
Date of NPA: 01.12.2020 Demand Notice Date:11.04.2023

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on various dates mentioned as above. The Bank issued Registered notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 27.04.2023 **Canara Bank**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Nadimpalli Kiran Nadimpalli Chandra Nadimpalli/ LBHYD00005408256	Schedule-A-Property All That Piece And Parcel Of The Undeveloped Composite Land Measuring 02 Acre 04 Guntas of Land carved out of Residentially Converted Land Bearing Sy. No.83/1 Measuring 1acre 6 Guntas and Sy. No.83/2 Measuring 1 acre 18 Guntas, Totally Measuring 2 Acres 04 Guntas, (Converted Vice Official Memorandum Dated 1/10/2010, Bearing No.ALN(SB)SR-68/2010-11, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner) Situated at Arakere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and Bounded as: East By: Sy. No.82, West By: Remaining Portion of Land Belonging to Mr. Purushotham Reddy And Tejas and Ther After Sy. No.85, North By: Sy. No.84, South By: Road, Schedule B' Property (Description of Undivided Share) 490 Square Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest/ Ownership in The Schedule 'A' Property, Schedule C' Property (Description of Apartment) Residential Unit No.111, in The First Floor, Measuring 2722 Square Feet Super Built-Up area, Containing Three Bedroom, Hall, Kitchen Etc., Together With one Covered Car Parking Spaces, Including Proportionate Share in Common areas Such as Passage, Lobbies, Staircase, Etc., Contained in The Multistoried Building to Be Constructed on The Schedule "A" Property Known as Roshan Platinum Apartment "I" Physical Possession on 28.04.2023	22.06.2022 Rs. 1,02,57,653.00/-	Hyderabad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : May 04, 2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that My client, **MR. DIPAN BHATTACHARYA**, Son of Mr. H.N. Bhattacharya, aged about 57 years, Residing at Flat No. 1701, Tower 3 Hitech Harmony, Vikas Marg, Opp Eros City Square, Sector 50, Nirvana Country, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018 has lost the original Sale Deed dated 06-12-2001 executed in his favour and registered as Document No. 83/G (U)-BLR(S)/9158/2001-02, Book-1, Stored in CD No.85/2001, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore (South), Bangalore in respect of property being land bearing No.D-11 & D-12, in Sector 4, each measuring 3000 Sq.Ft. each, in the layout known as "GREEN VILLER" formed in survey No.26/9 of Jumasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, with is bounded on the **East by:** Site No.D-13, **West by:** Site No.D-10; **North by:** Site No.D-18 & D-19, **South by:** Road. If anybody is in possession or having knowledge about the whereabouts the said document the same may be kindly be returned or intimated to me or to my advocate. In this regard I have lodged a police complaint before concerned jurisdictional police i.e the Sector 50 at Sector-48 Police Station, Gurgaon, Haryana State on 01.05.2023. Public are also hereby warned not to have any transaction with third person based on the said document, in respect of the above said property, if you are doing so, you will be doing so at your cost, risk and consequences.

Sd/-
Chidamanda H M
V.A.R.S. AND ASSOCIATES
Advocate, No-103, 1st floor, Amar Towers, 1st cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009, Mob -9900144580.

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THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
Divisional Office, No.6, 2nd Floor,
Saijan Rao Circle,
V.V. Puram, Bangalore - 560 004

DEMAND NOTICE

Reg: Notice issued under Sec 13 [2] of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 [SARFAESI Act] for recovery of dues in the loan a/c of **M/s Ravi Chandra Pillappa** sent to the below mentioned:

(1). **Mr. Ravi Chandra Pillappa (Borrower)**, S/o Mr. P Ramaiah, No.232/2, 3rd Cross, Brindavan Layout, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.
(2). **Mr. R Karthick (Co-Borrower)**, S/o Mr. Ramdass, No.53, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043.

Whereas you have committed default in repayment of loans in the above mentioned loan account to the secured creditor bank, The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset on **05.04.2023** for which the Bank had issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **24.04.2023** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs. 34,05,202.31** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Five Thousand Two Hundred Two and Paise Thirty One Only).

Whereas the notices sent to the above addresses by Regd. Post/Courier have been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amount as shown above together with interest from **24.04.2023** till date of payment within 60 days from the date of the notice failing which, the secured creditor Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of the secured assets hypothecated/ mortgaged to the bank as mentioned below, as per the provisions of SARFAESI Act.

Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of Residential House situated at No.103, Site No.7/2, House List Katha No.118, Horamavu Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now within the limits of BBMP limits measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 24 feet, Totally 720 Sq ft and being bounded on the East by : Narayanappa's Property, West by : Munishamappa's Property, North by : V Chinnaswamy's Property, South by : Road.

Date : 03.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

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Bank of India BOI

Koramangala Branch: #67, 1st Floor, 5th Block, Industrial Layout , Koramangala Bengaluru-560 095
Ph: 080-22594455, E-mail: koramangala.bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

[Rule - 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30/01/2023 calling upon the borrowers 1. **Mrs. Rajeshwari W/o. Lt. Shankarappa residing at PADMA NILAYA, No. 2,3rd Cross Society Colony, Near MICO Road, Near VIP School, Adugodi, Bangalore 560030** 2. **Mr. Manjunath T K 3. Mrs. Pavithra A S (both 2nd & 3rd borrowers residing at PADMA NILAYA, No. 2,3rd Cross Society Colony, Near MICO Road, Near VIP School, Adugodi, Bangalore 560030** Second Address : **No.750, 4th Cross Road, Near RTO Office, Upkar Residency, Upkar Layout, Kengeri, Bangalore 560091** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,48,86,400/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred)** outstanding as on 29/01/2023 with further interest thereon @3.00 % over RBLR presently 12.10% p.a. compounded with monthly rests alongwith further interest, costs, expenses and monthly rests thereon within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **02nd day of May of the year 2023**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,48,86,400/- and interest thereon**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY:
All that piece and parcel of the Southern portion of the Property bearing No. 2.PID No.63-47-2 situated at 6th Main Road, Adugodi, BBMP Ward No. 63 Bengaluru, measuring East to West 68.0 Feet, North to South 24.0 Feet, measuring 1632 Sq.Ft. Owned by Mrs. Rajeshwari. The boundaries of the property: **East by:** Property belongs to Sri. C Sathyanarayana **West by :** Road **North by :** Property gifted to Smt. Lakshmi Devi in the same number measuring 68'24 Feet **South by :** House belongs to Smt. Chowdamma

Date: 02/05/2023 **Sd/-, Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Bank of India**

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Canara Bank

Nelamangala-II Branch,
DP Code: 10490
No.3385/3388, Paramanna Layout,
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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
NOTICE TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank, Nelamangala-II Branch, Bengaluru** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on below mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrower: Smt. M Rathna, W/o Venkatesh R., Site No. 74, Ward No. 70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, PIN : 560058, Ph : 9902251689.
Guarantor: Sri Venkatesh R, S/o Ramappa, Site No. 74, Ward No. 70, Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore, PIN : 560058, Ph : 9902251689

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1	04907830000217	Mortgage Loan	23.12.2015	Rs.24,70,000/-

Total Liability as on 31.03.2023 : **Rs. 15,55,496.35/-**

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.) Name and address of candidate : **B. SHIVANNA**, # MIG(A) 291, Surya Nagara, 1st Stage, Iggalur, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

Name of Constituency : **177 - Anekal - ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I **B. SHIVANNA**, a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Pending criminal cases				Details about cases of conviction for Criminal offences	
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Status of dated	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & Date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & Punishment imposed
1	PRL. Civil Judge and JMFC, Anekal	C.C No. 7793 / 2021	Sec. 51(B) of the Diastar Management Act 2005 with IPC Sec 188, 269, 270	NIL	NIL
2			Protested Collecting mob by violating Covid-19 restrictions		

* In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, Mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **N.A. HARIS**, NALAPAD House No. 23, 1st Cross, Magarath Road, Bangalore - 560 025

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

*Name of Constituency : **163-SHANTHINAGAR - ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I **N.A. HARIS** a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Pending criminal cases				Details about cases of conviction for Criminal offences	
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Status of dated	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & Date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & Punishment imposed
1	2nd ACMM Court, Bengaluru	FIR No: 149/2022 of Siddapura PS, Bengaluru City Case is pending	Sec: 103 of Karnataka Police Act 1963, Section 3 of Prevention of damage of Public Property act 1984 & Section 427, 143, 147, 149, 188, 290 of IPC Facts of the case are alleged unlawful assembly & procession against government & Enforcement Directorate Near Kengal Hanumantiah Circle, Double Road Shanthinagar regarding action against Smt. Sonia Gandhi Ji & Rahul Gandhi Ji by Govt. of ED Etc	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	Principal Civil Judge & JMC Court Kanakapura	FIR No: 1/2022 of Kanakapura Town Police Station, Ramanagara Dist Case is pending trail in CC No: 194/2022	Section 141, 143, 290, 336, R/W 149 of IPC & section 5 (3A) Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 Facts of the case are for participating in Makedatu Padayatre	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	1st Additional Civil Judge (Junior Division) & JMC Court, Kanakapura	FIR No: 2/2022 of Sathanur Police Station, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Dist Case is pending trail in CC No: 146/2022	Section 141, 143, 290, 336, R/W 149 of IPC & section 5 (3A) Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 Facts of the case are for participating in Makedatu Padayatre	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Declaration about criminal cases

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate : **KELACHANDRA JOSEPH GEORGE**

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**

(Independent candidates should write "Independent" here)

Name of Election : **KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY, GENERAL ELECTIONS MAY-2023**

*Name of Constituency : **160 - SARVAGNANAGAR - ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY**

I **KELACHANDRA JOSEPH GEORGE** a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Pending criminal cases				Details about cases of conviction for Criminal offences	
Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Status of dated	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & Date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & Punishment imposed
1	42nd ACMM, Spl Court to deal with criminal cases related to MP's/MLA's trillable by Magistrate in State of Karnataka	CC – 25317/2022, filed under section 188 of IPC & is pending before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate bangalore. received summons in the said case & the same is pending, the next date of hearing is on 10/05/2023.	Section 188 of IPC & r/w 103 of Karnataka Police act. Brief description: Section 188 of IPC – disobedience of order promulgated by the public servant, Raj Bhavan Chalo protest case.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	First additional Civil judge (Junior division) & JMFC court, Ramanagara District.	CC – 6231/2022 yet receive any summons / notice from the honorable court in respect of the said matter.	Section 5(3a) of Karnataka Epidemic Dieases Act 2020 & undersection 141,143, 290, 336 r/w 149 IPC. spread of out break of epidemic disease.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	Supreme Court of India	CC – 09/2018. Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed CBI to carry out the said matter for investigation. After the closure report having been submitted by the CBI, one Smt Sabitha. S. Kath has challenged the same before the honorable supreme court of india in SLP (CRL) No 000049 – 000051 of 2021 in which notices are received from the Honourable Supreme court of India and the matter is pending for disposal.	Section 306 & 34 IPC abetment of suicide	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) -NO -

Any other information required to be given. –NOT APPLICABLE –

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Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Limited, Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560009.

Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708. Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samaratheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 19th May 2023 for recovery of Rs. 27,19,063(Twenty Seven Lakhs nineteen thousand sixty three only) dues as on 20.04.2021 with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from : (1) Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, 903 Chelsea Hiranandani Estate Gb Road, Thane Arcadia Market, Thane Maharashtra 400607. (Borrower /Mortgager) Also at : Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, Working as Customer Care Leader, Perking Elmer India Pvt Ltd, 8th Floor, G Corp Tech Park, Kasaevadavli, G B Road, Near Hyper City Mall 400615 Thane Maharashtra. (Applicant/Mortgager), Also at, Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, Aged about 39 years, S/o Mr. Preetpal Singh Chadha, Block E-1, Pocket 6, Flat No.48, Sector 15, Rohini, Delhi- 110089, (2) Mrs. Navdeep Kaur, 903 Chelsea Hiranandani Estate Gb Road, Thane Arcadia Market, Thane Maharashtra 400607, (Co-Applicant/Mortgager), Also At : Mrs. Navdeep Kaur, W/o Ajit Pal Singh, Block E-1, Pocket 6, Flat No.48, Sector 15, Rohini, Delhi- 110089, (Co-Applicant/Mortgager) in Loan No. PHR000901064930. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. If any, as applicable
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 24,63,721/- (Rupees Twenty four lakhs sixty three thousand seven hundred and twenty one)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs. 2,46,372/- (Rupees two lakhs forty six thousand three hundred and seventy two)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Item No. 1: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Till 18th May 2023 latest by 04:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvasi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560 027, Addressed to Mr. Thrimoorthy.
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC AUCTION	On 19th May 2023, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal https://www.bankauctions.com e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY : SCHEDULE "A" : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land comprised of Survey No.30 (7 acres and 24.5 Guntas) 31(6 acres 25.5 Guntas), 32(9 acres 02 guntas) 33 (9 Acres 37.25 guntas) 34 (6 acres 0.5 guntas) and 161(2 acres) of kadanamale village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North taluk bangalore in all measuring 41 acres 9.75 guntas (i.e) 17,96,576.51 Square feet(which included the land relinquished to an extent of 10 acres 28.68 guntas (i.e. 466843.94 Sq ft) in favour of member secretary, BIAAPA, in compliance with the requirement of sanction plan and an area of 24,193.40 square feet reserved for locating electrical sub- station or Yard) and the entire property is bounded as follows: Boundaries : North by : Land in Survey No.160 Doddaballapura Road, Land in Survey No 162,163,164,40 and 41, South by : Land in survey No 41,29,30/7,31/4(p),31/3(P),31/2(P) 34/2(P),34/1(p). East by : Land In Survey No 37,38, and 160, West by : Land in Survey No 41 and 29.

SCHEDULE- B : (property conveyed under this Deed) : All that piece and parcel of the undivide 0.0239% (Zero Point Zero two three Nine Percent) share(Equivalent to 312.47 Square feet) in the land measuring 106611.05 square feet being the land apportioned to the residential deelopment forming part of schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE- C : (Description of the Apartment) : A three bedroom Apartment bearing No.501 (property No.150200202500221807) on the fifth floor in Block/wing G-10 of the residential apartment complex known as "Provident WellWorth City" constructed on the schedule A Property, having a carpet area 783.62 square feet(which is inclusive of balconies and utility spaces) or a plinth/built up are of 878.13 Square feet together with an exclusive right to use the limited common facility of one still car parking facility to be allotted separately.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankauctions.com.

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Mr. Thrimoorthy at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvasi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 (Mobile No. 91-919036773553 Email ID: thrimoorthy.s@axisbank.com) during office hours from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 03.05.2023 Place: Bangalore	Sd/- Authorised Officer AXIS BANK LTD.,
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IN THE COURT OF XXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH.23)
AT BANGALORE P & SC.No.176/2023

BETWEEN:

1. **MRS.SRIVIDYA GANESH**, aged about 58 years W/o. Late.Ganesh Srinivasan, Flat No.B4, 104 Elita Promenade Apartment, 18th Main, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078,
2. **MS. POOJA GANESH** aged about 37 years, D/o. Late.Ganesh Srinivasan, 19, Marble Road, Point Cook, Melbourne VIC-3030
3. **MR. ROHIT GANESH** aged about 33 years, S/o. Late.Ganesh Srinivasan. 707-99, Davisville Avenue, Toronto-ON M4S 0A8

Represented by their mother and General Power of Attorney Holder **MRS.SRIVIDYA GANESH**

...Petitioners

AND:NIL

...Respondent

Whereas, above said Petitioners have filed this Petition u/s 372 of the Indian Succession Act, for grant of Succession Certificate to the aforesaid Petitioners in respect of the following Bank Deposits, Share Certificates etc., as mentioned in the Schedule below, which are in the name of deceased One Mr.Ganesh Srinivasan S/o.K.Srinivasan who died on 08-09-2013 in Qatar., leaving behind the Petitioners. If any person/s have any objections for granting the Succession Certificate to the above said Petitioners in respect of following Bank Deposits, Share Certificates etc., as mentioned in the Schedule below, are hereby directed to appear either personally or through your Advocate on 06-06-2023 at 11 A.M in this Court, failing which the above matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE-I Investment in various Mutual Funds as mentioned below					
Sl. No	Holding Type	First Holder Name	SECOND Holder Name	Fund Name	Folio Number
1	Joint	Ganesh Srinivasan	Srividya Ganesh	Reliance MF	499107535922
2	Single	Ganesh Srinivasan	NA	Axis MF	9047957384
3	Single	Ganesh Srinivasan	NA	ICICI MF	5228117
4	Single	Ganesh Srinivasan	NA	IDFC	1119049
5	Single	Ganesh Srinivasan	NA	Tata MF	2615609
6	Joint	Ganesh Srinivasan	Srividya Ganesh	HDFC MF	5987654
7	Joint	Ganesh Srinivasan	Srividya Ganesh	Reliance MF	413103352358

SCHEDULE-II Investment in various Bank Accounts as mentioned below :				
Sl. No	Account Holder Name	Bank Name	Account Type	Account Number
1	Ganesh Srinivasan	SBI Jayanagar	NRE	XXXXXXXXXX93

SCHEDULE-III Investment in various Life Insurance Policies with LIC of India as mentioned below :		
Sl. No.	Policy Number	Policy Holder Name
1	21316402	Ganesh Srinivasan
2	73694523	Ganesh Srinivasan
3	73694524	Ganesh Srinivasan

SCHEDULE-IV Investment in various companies shares in Demat mode as mentioned below :					
Sl. No.	Demat	DP ID	Client ID	Share Name	No. of Shares
1	ICICI Bank	IN302902	41192510	Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.	100
2	ICICI Bank	IN302902	41192503	Raymond Ltd.	300
3	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	50
4	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Gateway Distriparks Ltd.	385
5	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	IL & FS Transportation Networks Ltd.	53
6	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Infosys Ltd.	20
7	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	15
8	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Nitesh estates Ltd	200
9	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Oil and natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	120
10	HDFC Bank	IN301151	28043244	Reliance Industries Ltd	20

Investment in various Companies shares in physical mode as mentioned below :			
Sl. No	Registered Folio Number	Share Name	No of Shares
1	905676	Grasim Industries Ltd	350
2	81544999	Ultratech Cement Ltd	40
3	JSWO806651	JSW Steel Ltd	1400

The unclaimed Dividend received from various companies shares and pending for encashing the same in bank Account as mentioned below :

Sl. No	Name of the Share Holder	Share Name	Dividend Amount
1	Ganesh Srinivasan	JSW Steel Ltd	\$ 15.66/-
2	Ganesh Srinivasan	Mount Shivalik Industries Ltd.	\$ 251.48/-
3	Ganesh Srinivasan	Reliance Energy Ltd.	Rs. 110/-

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 19th day of April 2023
Address of the Petitioners' Advocate:
Shanthakumar & Co., Advocates
106, First Floor, Blue Cross Chambers, No.11, Infantry Road Cross, Bangalore-560001

By Order Of The Court
Sd/-
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore





South Africa pacer Shabnim Ismail announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket with immediate effect in order to focus on her family and playing T20 domestic cricket around the world. The 34-year-old calls it a day after appearing in 241 internationals, taking 317 wickets. Her last international appearance was in the 2023 T20 World Cup final against Australia in February.

'2022 was a gamechanger for us'

Fresh off the title at Badminton Asia Championships, shuttler Chirag Shetty is of the opinion that last year paved the way for them to start winning those elusive titles

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IN the middle of 2022, after the Indian badminton contingent had won the Thomas Cup for the first time in their history, doubles coach, Mathias Boe, allowed himself a quiet smile. The primary doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were finally converting their promise into results in front of a watching world. 2022, in fact, was an important year for the doubles pair; the newly minted World No. 5.

"It was definitely a game-changer for us," says Shetty, back home after winning the Badminton Asia Championships in Dubai with partner Rankireddy. In his eyes, the pair are doing what their doubles coach, Boe, had challenged them to do: become the lions of the jungle, first among equals. "Winning quarterfinals and semifinals is good but with the capabilities we have, we are meant for bigger things," he tells this daily. "Winning the big medals is the target for Satwik and me. After the 2021 Olympics (lost in the group stage) and Worlds (lost in the third round), we wanted to change things. We didn't want to settle for anything lesser than medals at the big events."

Those two setbacks had a big effect on their then nascent careers. At the Olympics, they beat the pair that went on to win the doubles title but they themselves finished third in the group stage. A few months later at the Worlds, in a physically draining match, they had chances to triumph but lost on over three agonising games against Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi. In Dubai,



Partners-in-crime: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Left) and Chirag Shetty

After the 2021 Olympics and Worlds, we wanted to change things. We didn't want to settle for anything lesser than medals at the big events

— Chirag Shetty

they had managed to flip the tables against the same Malaysian pair in the finals over three agonising games to prevail 16-21, 21-17, 21-19. It's a reflection of the path they are on. "We were in total disbelief that we were able to get back into the match as well as win the final in the manner we

did," Shetty says.

After fighting their way through the final, the emotion told its own story. "All three of us were in different parts of the court," he smiles. "It was quite difficult for the cameraperson to get the reactions of all of us in one frame. I think that tells you that... we didn't really know what to do."

What, though, has really worked for them in this bull run from the start of 2022 is that they know exactly what they have to do, irrespective of the opposition they are facing. If they are facing World No. 50 one day, they are armed with one plan. If it's World No. 1, then there's another plan. Shetty credits Boe for this. "Working with him has been a big boost for us," he says.

"One thing that has worked is the way he plans our schedule in practice as well as tournaments. He sits with us, discusses our opponents' games, what they do and what they don't do. So, when we enter the court, we have a good idea of what we need to do and what needs to be avoided. In that aspect, his inclusion has been a big boost for us. He first sees the opponents matches, sees the kind of mistakes they make and then he points out the same to us. It makes our jobs a lot more easier."

Specifically on the last week in Dubai, Shetty says the idea was to take it one match at a time. "Take it one match at a time. The first two matches were quite good. We were able to get adjusted to the conditions. Then there was the (Mohammed) Ahsan (Hendra) Setiawan match (in the quarterfinals). I think it was one of the best matches we have played so far. Controlled the game throughout, didn't really think we would be able to beat them in that scoreline. Think we played some really good badminton over the course of the week."

Why does Shetty feel that that was one of the best matches they have played? "Usually both of us rely a lot on our power game, but this time we played a game they are very good at and we sort of beat them at their game itself. Really happy we could pull it off in that style."

Their next target is in line with the stated objectives the coach has set the team. Medals at the Sudirman Cup, Asian Games and Worlds. You wouldn't bet against them.

Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Kolkata Knight Riders, 7:30 PM, Hyderabad

BATTLE OF SURVIVAL

Sunrisers Hyderabad take on Kolkata Knight Riders in Hyderabad. A look...

WHO WILL GET AHEAD?

Both KKR and SRH have just six points, placed eighth and ninth in the table, respectively. They will have to win at least five (KKR have five and SRH six) of their remaining games to even remotely have a chance at qualifying. Which means, a loss here could mean all but over for the team.

ALL EYES ON TRIPATHI

Not long ago, Rahul Tripathi rose to the top, earning his India debut in the shortest format. His performance in last IPL had a significant role in that. This year, he has been off colour and hasn't replicated a similar kind of success. Can he turn it around sooner than later?

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

NARINE'S POOR RUN

Sunil Narine is one of the most prolific performers in the IPL, but this year is not one to remember for him so far. Seven wickets from nine games averaging 40.28 while operating at 8.81 is not the standard Narine had set for himself. It has had an effect in the kind of season KKR has had as well.

CSK, LSG SPLIT POINTS AS RAIN PLAY SPOIL SPORT

LUCKNOW: Ayush Badoni stood tall amidst the ruins with a classy half-century on a poor surface before a sharp downpour forced Lucknow Super Giants and Chennai Super Kings to split points as their IPL match was called off on Wednesday. This is the first game in the 16th edition of IPL that had to be called off midway due to rain. **Brief scores:** LSG 125/7 in 19.2 ovs (Badoni 59 n.o.; Moeen 2/13, Theekshana 2/37) vs CSK.

TEAM	MAT	WIN	LOSS	N/R	PTS	NRR
GT	9	6	3	0	12	0.53
LSG	10	5	4	1	11	0.64
CSK	10	5	4	1	11	0.33
RR	9	5	4	0	10	0.8
RCB	9	5	4	0	10	-0.03
PBKS	9	5	4	0	10	-0.45
MI	8	4	4	0	8	-0.5
KKR	9	3	6	0	6	-0.15
SRH	8	3	5	0	6	-0.58
DC	9	3	6	0	6	-0.77

*Table updated till the CSK-LSG game

Injured Rahul likely to miss rest of IPL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AS feared after the clash between Lucknow Super Giants and Royal Challengers Bangalore on Sunday, the injury concerns keep growing for the Indian team management. Opener KL Rahul, in all likelihood, is set to miss the rest of the IPL. The franchise skipper picked up an injury while fielding in the first innings of the match and did not come back on the field till the final moments of the game.

While it was said that he had injured his right thigh and there is no official update from the BCCI, Rahul did not take part in the game against Chennai Super Kings on Wednesday with

Krunal Pandya captaining LSG. "The franchise is offering him the best possible care and support at this time, to ensure he recovers as quickly as possible. We will provide further updates in due course on when he can return to the field," the franchise said in a statement.

When Rahul walked off the field, it was a worrying sign considering he was a crucial part of the Indian team management's plans for the World Test Championship final which is scheduled to be played from June 7 in London. With him missing the game, it should come as no surprise if Rahul does not take part in the rest of the tournament. It seems he is set to fly to Mumbai for a scan with the results determining whether there remains the possibility of featuring in the WTC final. Earlier, his LSG teammate Jaydev Unadkat who injured his shoulder in the nets, too, is set to miss the rest of the season. The Saurashtra skipper too has travelled to Mumbai for scans and is expected to travel to the National Cricket Academy where he will be focusing on getting fit in time to get on the flight to England.

The bigger issue, however, is Rahul, who was touted as a wicket-keeping option for the final against Australia as he is already donning the role for India in ODIs. Only time will tell if he is able to travel to England with the team for the title clash, and his absence could be a significant blow for the middle-order. While Umesh Yadav and Shardul Thakur, too, are nursing injuries, the pace bowling duo is expected to be ready for the WTC final.

Scuffle between wrestlers and police at night

ENS @ Chennai/New Delhi

A major scuffle broke out late in the night between the protesting wrestlers - Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and others - and the Delhi Police. According to videos on social media, the wrestlers were seen arguing with the police, who apparently were trying to remove their beds from Jantar Mantar. The wrestlers claimed that a policeman abused heckled and abused the wrestlers, Vinesh in particular.

"We're in need of the support of the whole country, everyone must come to Delhi. Police using force against us, abusing women and doing nothing against Brijbhushan," Bajrang appealed.

The Olympic bronze medalist also claimed that police heckled them. The wrestlers alleged that a drunk police person abused them and also hurt one wrestler. Vinesh claimed on TV that she was abused by the police. "He pushed me," she claimed.

Usha visits grapplers

Days after Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha called the protesting wrestlers lacked discipline and that they are damaging the image of the country, she paid a visit to Jantar Mantar on Wednesday. Over the last few days Usha had been criticized for not showing enough sensitivity in supporting the top wrestlers - Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and



IOA President PT Usha (centre) met protesting wrestlers and sat down and spoke with them at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on Wednesday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Vinesh Phogat - who had been protesting against beleaguered Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Two FIRs have been registered after the wrestlers alleged sexual harassment and seven filed police complaint.

What surprised everyone about Usha's visit is that it has been close to four months that the wrestlers had begun their protest in January and she had been non-committal on her support. Despite wrestlers spending time at Jantar Mantar, she has not visited once during first protest or the second one. It is understood that the sports ministry too were baffled by the visit. Even her colleagues in the IOA did not know about her decision and only when she reached the venue did everyone found out. "Initial-

ly, when she said that, we felt very bad but then she said that her comments were misinterpreted. She said that she is first an athlete and then an administrator and that she is with us," said Bajrang. Usha was there for almost an hour and was seen interacting with the wrestlers and was seen heckled by some of the supporters of the protest. "We told her that we want justice. We don't have a fight with the government or opposition or anyone else. If this issue is resolved and if the allegations (against WFI president) are proved then there should be legal action," he added. He said Usha assured them of ensuring justice and resolving their problems.

Who runs wrestling? asks UWW
The United World Wrestling

(UWW) chief Nenad Lalovic has written to the WFI and asked who is running the sport in the country. "It is not clear who exactly enters the athletes in the UWW events and who is in charge of the daily management of the federation. It seems that the Secretary General of the WFI is still in place and works actively," he wrote.

"The information that UWW received from the media these days is that the investigation report on alleged harassment and abuse by Mr. Singh has been finalised in early April and was forwarded to the Ministry of Sport...I am very concerned about all this and I urge you to provide UWW with official and accurate information about the situation."

The WFI replied saying government's directive to IOA to form an ad hoc committee amounts to government interference, which is against the Olympic Charter. "We were going to write to UWW asking for an Observer for the said elections but the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India interfered and issued direction that the election was null and void and the same would be conducted by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) which is against the rule of IOC Charter," WFI letter said.

Inputs from Agencies

Women wrestlers move SC, to file affidavit

NEW DELHI: The seven women wrestlers, who have levelled allegations of sexual harassment against WFI chief on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court seeking permission to file an affidavit in sealed cover. The counsel representing the women wrestlers mentioned the matter before a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha and said he was seeking permission to file the affidavit in sealed cover before the court, which is slated to hear the matter on Thursday. The bench permitted the counsel to bring the sealed cover affidavit on Thursday.

Olympic medal-winning sprinter Tori Bowie dies

PARIS: Tori Bowie, the 100m silver medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympics and the 2017 world champion, has died at the age of 32, her management company and World Athletics said on Wednesday. "We're devastated to share the very sad news that Tori Bowie has passed away. We've lost a client, dear friend, daughter and sister," Icon Management tweeted. World Athletics confirmed the American's death. Bowie converted from the long jump in 2014 and had an immediate impact, becoming the fastest woman in the world that year.

Dubai to host inaugural Global Chess League

DUBAI: The world's largest and first franchise-based chess league will be held in Dubai from June 21-July 2, it was announced here on Wednesday. The inaugural Global Chess League will feature six teams with six players each, including a minimum of two female players and one icon player per team. The six teams will compete in a round-robin format where each team will play 10 matches. Each match will feature six boards that will be played simultaneously. The top two teams will qualify for the final and be crowned the 'World Champion Franchise Team'.

AFP @ London

MARTIN Odegaard fired Arsenal back to the top of the Premier League as the Norway midfielder's double inspired a 3-1 win against woeful Chelsea on Tuesday. Mikel Arteta's side lost control of the title race after last week's 4-1 defeat at Manchester City. But the Gunners signalled their intention to push City all the way to the wire with a much-needed first win in five games.

Odegaard's brace was followed by a Gabriel Jesus strike



Chelsea's goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga (2L) watches the ball as Arsenal's Martin Odegaard shoots to score during the Premier League clash on Tuesday | AFP

as the hosts raced into a three-goal before half-time at the Emirates Stadium.

Noni Madueke's second half goal was no consolation for Chelsea's wretched performance. Arsenal are now two points clear of second placed City and while Pep Guardiola's men remain favourites to win the title, the north Londoners have at least applied a little pressure on the champions. City will go back into first place if they beat West Ham at home on Wednesday in the first of

their two games in hand on Arsenal.

"The first 60 minutes, I thought we played really well. That was everything I want to see from our team," Arteta said. "Speed, quality, movement, two beautiful goals, we connected with our crowd and created an incredible atmosphere. We wanted to earn the right to be top of the league. We are happy to be there." After 10 weeks at the top, Arsenal were knocked down to second place by City's win at Fulham on Sunday.

AGENCIES @ Tashkent

YOUNG Indian boxer Nishant Dev produced a power-packed performance, recording a scintillating 5-0 victory over 2021 World Championships bronze medalist Sarkhan Aliyev of Azerbaijan to advance to the pre-quarterfinals of the World Boxing Championships here on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old boxer from Karnal put up a world-class display of strength and supreme technique, utilising his strategy of attacking from distance and

landing a swift combination of punches to start the bout on the front foot.

By judging his opponent's attacks well and defending sternly, Nishant gave the Azerbaijani no chance to execute his attacks. The southpaw, who hardly put a foot wrong, proved to be too quick for Aliyev. Nishant, who had reached the quarter-finals in the last edition as well, will now face Lee Sangmin of South Korea in the next round. On Thursday, four Indian pugilists will take to the ring for their respective tournament openers.



PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal back on track after beating Chelsea 3-1

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

It is hereby notified that my client Dr. Nirupama Y.S., is the Absolute owner of the property being vacant site No. 67, having property ID No. 6000020024 of VASHNODEV ENCLAVE carved in SY No. 63/1 & 70/P of Kumbalgod Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, has lost the Original Khata Certificate issued by BDA, Bangalore not less while transit from home to office at No. 21, 2nd Cross, Masti Venkatesh Vyengar Road, Gaviapuram Extn, Bangalore 560019. In lieu of the above, my client has lodged a complaint to Bangalore City Crime Branch on 03-05-2023 vide Lost Report No.0551845/2023. My client has not made any document/s creating interest to any third party. Hence, it is hereby called upon that any person found the said document may please be handed over to the undersigned

J.C.RAMESH, Advocate,
No.96/A, 6thPhase, 1st Main, WOC Road, Mahaganapathinagar, Bengaluru- 560010, Mob:9845229879 E-mail id: jcrfawassociates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mr. K. Shantha Ram, son of the late Krishnarao Kakade and the late K. Godavary Bai, residing at No.1, 3rd floor, Ashwaryya Apts., 38, Rest House Road, Bangalore-560001, bring to the notice of the public that my both parents expired, and I am the only legal heir of my deceased parents and the absolute owner of the apartment bearing No. 12/5, Ground Floor, Aqsa Forte, Kensington Road, Bangalore, situated at Ussor, having BBMP Khatha No. 85-58-12/5. Any person having any claim or objection to this, shall file their objection in writing, along with supporting documents to the undersigned, within 7 days from the date hereof.

George Joseph Kundakassery,
Tarah Legal,
Advocates and Consultants, No.121/123, 2nd Main, C.L. Layout, Hosur Main Road, D.R.C. Post, Bangalore-560 029.

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Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore - 560 005. Tel/ Fax No. +91 80-25479091/ 92 E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in Website: www.southindianbank.com

To, (1) Mrs Prabhavathi L. No.1135/5, 1136/5, Ganga Parameshwari Temple, Begur Main Road, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka- 560068. Also At: Site #737, 3rd Main, 7A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Harpanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560106. (2) Mr Vijayanarasimha H. No. 1135/5, 1136/5, Ganga Parameshwari Temple, Begur Main Road, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka- 560068. Also At: Site #737, 3rd Main, 7A Cross, Nisarga Layout, Harpanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560106.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Notice issued in terms of Section 13(8) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

As you are aware, the Authorised Officer of the Bank have taken Symbolic possession of the asset described in the Schedule annexed hereto, in terms of Section 13(4) of the subject Act on 21.04.2023 in connection with the outstanding dues payable by you to Bangalore-Bannerghatta branch of the Bank. The total amount due from you to the Bank is Rs. 14,24,497.63(Ninety Four Lakh Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven and paise six three only) as on 28.04.2023 being Rs. 22,04,363.85 as outstanding in HL-II account (05266550000000047) and Rs. 72,08,133.78 as outstanding in the HL-II account (05266550000000051), with further interest and costs thereon.

AND WHEREAS, the borrowers/ Partners have failed to pay the amount due to the bank after taking Symbolic possession of the schedule property, notice is hereby given that the immovable properties will be sold by inviting tenders/ by public auction/ by Private Treaty on expiry of 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice.

The date and time of auction shall be informed through a separate sale notice as mentioned in the SARFAESI Act, and the properties would be sold to the person who offers the highest bid amount as to the respective property.

Hence, in terms of the provisions of the subject Act and the Rules made there under, this notice is issued to you to enable you to discharge the amount due to the bank before the publication of sale notice mentioned supra.

This is without prejudice to the right of the Authorised Officer to fix the date of sale without any further notice and/ or any other rights available to the bank under the subject Act or any other law or force.

Annexure - Schedule of Assets - SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of property bearing Site No 737, E-Khatha-No.150200100401800972, V.P. Khatha No. 1227/37, admeasuring 1200 sq.ft, (in 3rd Main, 7A Cross, in "NISARGA Layout", along with residential building having built up area of 3666 Sq. ft. (approx), within the limits of Kalubabu Village Panchayat, along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in converted lands of Sy.No.137 of Harpanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and owned by Mrs. Prabhavathi L and Mr. Vijayanarasimha H. more fully described in Sale Deed No. 4717/2017-2018 dated 11-07-2018 of Sub Registrar Office Basavanagudi(Banashankari) and bounded on, North By: Site No.736, South By: Site No.738, East By: Site No.731, West By: Road.

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For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number: '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

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Date: 02.05.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru Indian Bank

Indian Bank

JP NAGAR, SARAKI BRANCH
6, GR Plaza, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar, 5th Phase, Bangalore-560078. Phone: 080 2658 1623

APPENDIX- IV-A/ (See proviso to rule 8 (6))

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, JP Nagar Saraki Nagar Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07.06.2023, Rs.31,83,836/- (Rupees thirty one lakhs eighty three thousand eight hundred and thirty six only) (as on 02.05.2023) due to the Indian Bank, JP Nagar, Saraki Branch, Secured Creditor, from Yash S Sapaliga and Sowmya Yash Sapaliga Residential Flat No.07(2BHK), Ground Floor, 'Sai Sumukha Serenity', Municipal No.110/4-1, Sy.No.110/4, Situated at Laggere Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560058.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that place and parcel of Residential Flat No.07(2BHK), Ground Floor, 'Sai Sumukha Serenity', Municipal No. 110/4-1, Sy. No. 110/4, Situated at Laggere Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560058.

Encumbrances on property NIL

Reserve Price Rs.35,59,000/- (Rupees Thirty five lakhs fifty nine thousand only)

EMD Amount Rs.3,55,900/- (Rupees three lakhs fifty five thousand nine hundred only)

Bid incremental amount Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)

Date and time of e-auction 07.06.2023, 10:00AM to 04:00PM

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Date: 02.05.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bengaluru Indian Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Smt Vijy Tomy, intend to sell her site new No.20, old No.34 BBMP Khatha No.696/855/20, old Khata No.17/2 measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 30 ft, totally 1200 ft situated at Kasavanahalli village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said site, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned within 15 days, from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived. Bharathi Bai and Sarpode J. No.10, 4th main road, Jana Jyothi nagar, Bangalore. Ph:9738507108.

Advocate
Ramesh D. Shah
No.1, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Moonakshi Koll Street, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore-51.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to General Public that, Mr. Aditi Mandanna S/o. Late M.B. Mandanna and Mrs. Nitha Thammanna W/o. Mr. Aditi Mandanna, both residing at No. 122, Minia, 16/7, 7th Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560054 have availed the loan from State Bank of India, RACPC, Basavanagudi Branch by depositing the Original Title Deeds with the Bank, in respect of the below mentioned property. It is informed that Original Sale Deed, Dated 08.06.2011 and duly registered as Document No. YAN-1-0104-2011-12 of Book-I and stored at CD No. YAN357 before the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore is Lost/Misplaced and not traceable in the above mentioned Branch. A Complaint is also lodged in Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police on 27.02.2023 (Lost Report No.048426/2023), in respect of above mentioned Original Title Deeds of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Apartment bearing No.401 on the Fourth Floor of Block 'D' in the Project known as "NAGARJUNA ASTER PARK" having Super Built Up Area of 1839 Sq.ft consisting of Three Bedrooms, a kitchen, inclusive of proportionate share of common areas along with Two Car Parking Space. The Apartment comprises of RCC structure with Vitrified/Ceramic Tiles flooring and UDS of 625.56 Sq.ft in residentially converted and being a portion of Sy. No. 32, bearing Old No. 5, Situated at Mandakalatti Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 3 Acres 20 Guntas and bounded on:

East By : Flat No. C-402;
West By : Driveway;
North By : Driveway;
South By : Flat No. C-402.

Any persons having objections or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim to the above said Branch or to the address below mentioned within 7 days from the date of this Notice and also the general public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions. Further if any transaction done by any, will not be binding on the bank and the borrowers. Persons finding the above title deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned and if any objections in this regard may contact the undersigned, failing which the above mentioned branch shall proceed with the further transaction.

Assistant General Manager,
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram,
No. 97, Railway Parallel Road,
Kumar Park West, Bangalore-560020.

T.C. Shashidhara
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No. 49, 1st Floor, Opp. 12th Cross,
Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bangalore-560002.
M. 9890139320, 8088022018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY with its Owner SMT. SHYLAJA, wife of Sr. Shanmugam, S. residing at No.200, Vasanthapura, Behind Manjamma Temple, Subramanyapura, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560 061, having acquired the same under a Sale Deed dated 15.05.2023 from the Legal heirs of late Marayappa, i.e., Smt. Savithamma, son Shivakumar, another son Sridhara, R.M and Shivakumar's daughter Ms. Bindu under a Registered Sale Deed dated January 25, 2023, registered as Document No. 10899 of 2022-23, in Book-I, CD No. JNP1569, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (J.Nagar) Bangalore.

Any person having any claim or charge over the Schedule Property shall lodge their claim or objections, if any, together with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice failing which it would be deemed that there is no claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on the Schedule Property and further our Client can proceed to purchase the above Schedule Property and any subsequent claim or objections in this regard shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL That piece and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing Survey No. 19/29, (Old Sy. No. 19/5) situated at Ravugudi Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 13 1/4 Guntas, (out of 1Acre 2 Guntas) along with all common rights and paths ways therein and bounded as follows:

Eastby: Property belonging to P.Devappa;
Westby: Remaining land of the same Survey number;
Northby: Road;
Southby: Remaining land of the same Survey number.

RAMESH T. Partner, LEX ASTRA PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES, office at
High Point 3, Flat 3111, 11th Floor, 45, Palace Road, Bangalore 560001. Mobile 9845329685

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Brookefields Branch : No. 113/1B, ITPL Main Road, Bengaluru-560037.
Phone: 080-28543707
Email: b1067@psb.co.in

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E Auction Date & Time: 23.05.2023 at 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Last Date of EMD Submission: 20.05.2023



DAY'S DIARY Pulitzer Prize

Ernest Hemingway won his first Pulitzer Prize, for his sixth novel *The Old Man and the Sea* on this day in 1953

ABOUT THE WRITER

Hemingway published seven novels, six short story collections and two non-fiction works and was awarded a Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. He died by suicide on July 2, 1961



THE NOVEL

The Old Man and the Sea is a simple story about an old man who catches a giant fish in the waters off Cuba, only to have it devoured by sharks



LEGACY

The novel has been adapted for the screen three times: a 1958 film, a 1990 miniseries starring Anthony Quinn, and a 1999 animated short film

Check out what's
happening in the city

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THIS UPCOMING EXHIBITION DOCUMENTS BENGALURU'S SOCIAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND SPATIAL MILIEU THROUGH THE VARIOUS STATUES AND SCULPTURES DOTTING THE CITY

'BUST'ING THE MYTH



DESE GOWDA

STARTING in the mid-90s, Bengaluru, once a laid-back Garden City, known for its pleasant climate, has undergone rapid urbanisation, not only losing much of its lustrous green cover, but also witnessing enormous socio-cultural changes, as more and more people across the country move to the city in the hopes of a brighter future.

An upcoming exhibition titled *On a Pedestal at Belaku Gallery* on MG Road tries to encapsulate these changes through an unexpected medium—the various statues and sculptures dotting the city. "When you normally think of art, you tend to think of art in galleries and whatnot, but it's important to remember that statues are also a part of the visual art culture. They are very important because they are a visual representation of a society's perceptions and aspirations," says Ravikumar Kashi, a city-based visual artist, author, and visiting professor at the RV College of Architecture.

Along with his two colleagues, Madhuri Rao, a practicing architect, and academic, and Salila Vanka, a professor of urban social theory, Kashi was interested in finding out how the city and its populace were expressing themselves through visual art in recent decades and how it differed to pre-liberalisation. "The statues that were erected in the city before the 90s were mostly done either by the British or the subsequent governments. But following Rajkumar's death in early 2000, a lot of pro-Kannada organisations started to erect his busts across the city. Even in the case of Puneeth Rajkumar, several statues were inaugurated within days of his death," he says, adding that statues have increasingly become a means to express not only political but also socio-cultural aspirations. "We initially expected to find a few hundred statues and sculptures dotted around the city but were surprised to find more than 700, mostly in West and South Bengaluru. Most of them are busts and statues of figures like Rajkumar and BR Ambedkar, while 100 or so are abstract and creative sculptures," he adds.

Despite a considerable number of museums being located in Bengaluru, Kashi says that the city doesn't have a museum culture similar to that of the West, where art exploration is encouraged from an early age, through art education. That has meant that the city's populace doesn't connect as much with the over a hundred or so abstract sculptures dotted around the city. "Most of these sculptures are commissioned by the Bangalore Development Authority; unlike statues of figures like Ambedkar, and Vivekananda, which are erected by the public themselves, although with support from local law-makers," he says. Kashi and his team also unearthed a curious fact through their research. "There are only about 13 statues of women in the entire city. Mother Teresa, Kempegowda's daughter-in-law Lakshmidewamma are among the ones who've been honoured with statues in the city," he says.

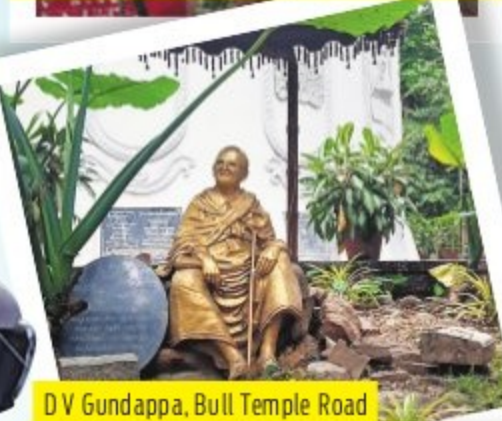
Furthermore, Kashi says the city has also witnessed a trend of ever-larger statues being erected, most of them as political and cultural markers. "Kempegowda's statue at the Kempegowda International Airport is a prime example," he concludes.



On a
Pedestal is
open to public
between May
12-14, at Belaku
Gallery, MG
Road



Rani Abbakka, Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar circle



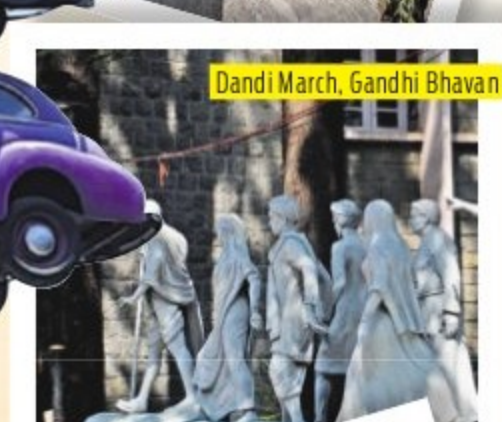
D V Gundappa, Bull Temple Road



A contemporary sculpture



Rajaram Mohan Roy, Sampangi Rama Nagar



Dandi March, Gandhi Bhavan



Baby, South End Circle

INSPIRATION, IMAGINATION & INFORMATION

Bengalureans are excited and apprehensive in equal measure about the possibilities and drawbacks of powerful generative AI tools

DESE GOWDA

Over the last decade or so, some of the biggest names in the tech industry have increasingly banked on Artificial Intelligence (AI) being the next revolutionary innovation, pouring billions of dollars into research and development. These investments led to a steady improvement in existing technologies, such as mobile photography, the advent of digital personal assistants, and more. But until 2021, before OpenAI made tools like Dall-E and ChatGPT available to the public, AI tools didn't necessarily seem that revolutionary.

As generative tools, both ChatGPT and Dall-E were capable of outputting complex text and images, respectively, based on a simple user command. This opened up a new avenue for creative artists, writers, and software developers to harness the powerful AI to not only make mundane parts of their jobs easier but also become more productive.

Ajay Purushotham, art director at a city-based ad company, says generative AI tools take away one of the main drawbacks of creative work—getting started. "Generative AI tools allow me to explore new creative possibilities that I otherwise might not have done. They provide an ideal starting point from which I can start my work rather than working on a design from scratch. I am excited to see how AI will continue to transform video and audio creation in the future," adds Purushotham.

Bhoomi Dattani, a graphic designer at a city-based apparel brand and a regular

user of image manipulation tools, mentions the tools are also very useful for quickly changing the background of an image or enhancing its visual style. "It saves a lot of time and since it doesn't really need that much creative input, I have no problem using the tool to quickly get the work done," Dattani adds.

Meanwhile, Rohan Babu, a fractional chief marketing officer, uses ChatGPT as a starting point for research for the blogs he regularly writes. "I ask ChatGPT to act like an expert and, within a few prompts, it helps me narrow my focus to a specific range. It essentially acts like your personal intern, and saves you a lot of time," shares Babu adding that he's careful not to use it only for specific purposes given that tools like ChatGPT can occasionally output false information.

While misinformation is one of the most visible issues with tools like ChatGPT, issues like data privacy and digital rights are also big concerns for many. "It's very exciting to see an AI tool solve real world code related queries, but we don't know how these tools process user data yet," shares Chandan, a cloud engineer at a multinational IT firm. "I would like to see some regulation to set out a framework on how these companies can operate and process user data."

Babu agrees, but warns that any regulation should involve all stakeholders, including the companies behind the tools in order to protect innovation. "The race to profit from these technologies is very real. User data is already freely traded for various purposes, including advertising," he adds.

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CITY READ

Bank posts highest ever annual net profit

UCO Bank has posted a net profit of ₹581.24 crore for the Q4 FY23 as against ₹312.18 crore for Q4FY22 registering y-o-y growth of 86.19%. Net profit for the year ending March-23 rose to ₹1,862 crore which is also the highest ever annual net profit. Global business touched ₹4,10,967.19 crore as on Mar 31, 2023 as against ₹3,53,850.24 crore as on Mar 31, 2022 registering y-o-y growth of 16.14%. This is again highest ever in the history of the Bank. Highest ever Net Interest Income (NII) was also witnessed during the year ended Mar 31, 2023 wherein NII increased to ₹7343.13 crore as against ₹6472.95 crore for the year ended Mar 31, 2022 thereby registering y-o-y growth of 13.44% fuelled by healthy growth in loan book and improved yield on advances. NII for Q4 FY23 stood at ₹1972.12 Crore as against ₹1652.39 crore for Q4 FY22.



BMTC facilitates driving staff for meritorious service

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation Passengers facilitated driving staff in appreciation for the safe return of valuables including laptops, mobiles, gold ornaments and more left behind by passengers in BMTC buses. On May 02, G Satyavathy, I.A.S., Managing Director felicitated more than two dozen staff members of BMTC and presented them with a cash reward and letters of appreciation at the Central Offices of the BMTC.

Consulate-General of Japan offer scholarship for undergraduate students

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan is offering scholarships to international students who wish to study at Japanese universities as undergraduate students under the MEXT Scholarship Program. The Japanese Government invites scholarship applicants who demonstrate an interest in the field of humanities and social sciences, including law, politics, pedagogy, sociology, literature, history, and more or the natural sciences (pure science, engineering, agriculture, fisheries, and others). Last date of application is May 29, 2023. For more information please log in to the home page of www.bengaluru.in.emb-japan.go.jp



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

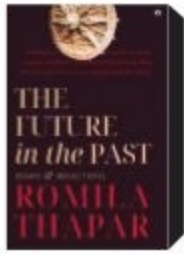
Send answers to bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

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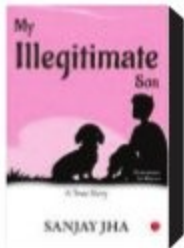
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- 2) Kempegowda Bus Station 3) Sree Kanteerava Stadium

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

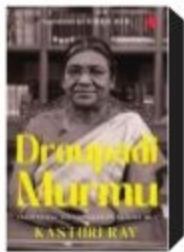
- 1) Ajay Pai 2) Dr. Sulata M Kamath
- 3) Arul Chellaswamy

BOOK
NOOK**The Future in the Past:
Essays and Reflections**
Romila Thapar

The book brings together essays by the author on issues and ideas that have preoccupied her throughout her career.

**My Illegitimate Son:
A True Story**
Sanjay Jha

In this book, the author tells us a heart-rending account of love and loss, happiness and grief, regret and redemption, narrating a stirring poignant story, which has both riotous laughter and abundant sorrow, that might just find an echo with your own.

**Droupadi Murmu: From
Tribal Hinterlands to
Raisina Hill**
Kasturi Ray

It encapsulates the journey of a tribal girl who defied odds to grow up into an institution signifying resilience, determination and grit.

WHAT WHEN
WHY WHERE**Musical Night**

Experience a night of high-tech minimal techno music with renowned DJ Boris Brejcha.

📍 **WHEN:** May 06, 5pm
📍 **WHERE:** Bharatiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road
📍 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**A Game of Strategy**

Play friendly games in person over-the-board at Chess Connect by the Bangalore Chess Club. Open to players from all age and rating categories.

📍 **WHEN:** May 07, 10am 📍 **WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar 📍 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**Theatre Time**

Written by TN Seetharam, the play *Nammolagobba Nalookayya* is a humorous take on modern times, performed by stalwarts of Kannada theatre, television and film industry.

📍 **WHEN:** May 07, 7.30pm
📍 **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
📍 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**Trendy collections**

Twenty Dresses from Nykaa Fashion brings the trendiest styles and options to add a splash to your wardrobe inspired by garden parties, tropical getaways, modern florals, and assorted prints.

📍 **WHERE:** nykaa.com

**Comedy Hub**

Standup comedian Azeem Banatwalla has a funny take on the overrated life of being moderately famous, and highlight the perils of post-pandemic socialization, influencers, and social media.

📍 **WHEN:** May 06, 4pm onwards
📍 **WHERE:** Just BLR, Brigade Road
📍 **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**A VISUAL TREAT**

A Kathak dancer performs at the Dr Maya Rao Memorial Kathak & Choreography festival held at Ravindra Kalakshetra | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICK FIX**SABJA
SORBET****INGREDIENTS**

- Sabja (basil seeds): 1/4 cup
- Water: 1 cup
- Fresh lime juice: 1/2 cup
- Sugar: 1/2 cup
- Ice cubes: 2 cups
- Kiwi: 1



Contributed by Meenakshi, Hyderabad

METHOD

- Soak the sabja (basil seeds) in 1 cup of water for about 10-15 minutes or until they have expanded and become jelly-like.
- In a saucepan, combine the sugar and 1/2 cup of water over medium heat, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and let it cool to room temperature.
- In a blender, combine the soaked sabja (basil seeds), lime juice, kiwi, and sugar syrup. Blend until the mixture is smooth and well combined.
- Add in the ice cubes and blend again until the mixture becomes slushy and smooth.
- Pour the mixture into a container and freeze for at least 2 hours or until it is firm. Once it is frozen, use a spoon or an ice cream scoop to serve.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengaluru@cityexpress@gmail.com

**CLASSIFIEDS****PUBLIC NOTICE****CHANGE OF NAME**

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Sri Govinda .G.B and Smt. Tulasi Prabha .S state that we have changed our daughter's name from **Laya Samruddi .G** to **Laalithya .G** for all purposes. Vide affidavit dated 02.05.2023 in presence of Advocate and Notary Smt. B.R. Shashikala, B.A., L.L.B., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TABJI MIYAN GULAB**, S/o. Tabji miyan, Residing at No. 4/7, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, Bismillanagar, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029, have changed my name to **SYED GULAB**, vide affidavit dated: 03.05.2023 before notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16113531N L/NK AVINASH .G.V. of unit: 61 FD COY, 7 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914007, Have Changed My Father (OLD NAME) **VASUDEVPAPPA.S.G** to (NEW NAME) **S.G. VASUDEVPAPPA** And Mother (OLD NAME) **SEETHAMMA H.T** to (NEW NAME) **SEETHAMMA** Vide Affidavit Dated 02.05.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) **VIKRAM CHHAGAN LAL KHATRI**, S/o. Chhagan Lal Khatri, residing at No. 14, Vishram, 3rd Floor, 1st Cross, Srinivas Colony, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **VIKRAM CHHAGAN LAL KHATRI** to (NEW NAME) **VIKRAM KHATRI** vide affidavit Dated 27/04/2023 sworn before Notary B.V. Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHAL DANMAL SINGHI**, Residing at No 34/6, Bangiappa Garden, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru 560027, have changed my Minor Daughter Name From **PEHEL VISHAL SINGHI (OLD NAME)**, to **PEHEL SINGHI (NEW NAME)**, Vide Affidavit Dated 15/Mar/2023, Sworn Before Notary B V Nagabhushana Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I hitherto known as **ARNAV** son of **AMRESH KUMAR** and **ANCHALA SHARMA** resident of 20501, Bhuvana Greens Apt, No 3805/29/415/3 D, Near Play Arena, Kasavanahalli, Carmelram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560035, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **ARNAV SHARMA** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 03.05.2023 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I hitherto known as **ANUSHA** daughter of **AMRESH KUMAR** and **ANCHALA SHARMA** resident of No 20501, Bhuvana Greens Apt, No 3805/29/415/3 D, Near Play Arena, Kasavanahalli, Carmelram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560035, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **ANUSHA SHARMA** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 03.05.2023 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHAL DANMAL SINGHI**, Residing at No 34/6, Bangiappa Garden, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my Minor Son Name From **VIDITH VISHAL SINGHI (OLD NAME)**, to **VIDITH SINGHI (NEW NAME)**, Vide Affidavit Dated 15/Mar/2023, Sworn Before Notary B V Nagabhushana Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISHA SINGHI (OLD NAME)**, Aged About 45 Years, W/o Vishal Danmal Singh, Residing At No 34/6, Bangiappa Garden, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name to **MONICA VISHAL SINGHI (NEW NAME)**, Vide Affidavit Dated 15/Mar/2023, Sworn Before Notary B V Nagabhushana Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHAL SINGHI (OLD NAME)**, Aged About 46 Years, S/o Danmal Singh, Residing At No 34/6, Bangiappa Garden, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name to **VISHAL DANMAL SINGHI (NEW NAME)**, Vide Affidavit Dated 15/Mar/2023, Sworn Before Notary B V Nagabhushana Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHAL DANMAL SINGHAVI (OLD NAME)**, Aged About 46 Years, S/o Danmal Singh, Residing At No 34/6, Bangiappa Garden, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name to **VISHAL DANMAL SINGHI (NEW NAME)**, Vide Affidavit Dated 15/Mar/2023, Sworn Before Notary B V Nagabhushana Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOPINATH S/o Dhanapal R/at No.1A-502**, Emmanuel Heights, Amrita Nagar, Opp Indira Canteen, Choodasandra, Bangalore-560099 have changed my name to **GOPINATH D And GOPINATH DHANAPAL**, vide affidavit dated: 3/5/2023 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RIZWAN PASHA KHUUDS BASHEER S/o Basheer Ahmed**, R/at No.254 Ward No.19 Timmayya Layout Azad Nagar Sidlaghatta Chikkaballapur-562105 have changed my name to **RIZWAN PASHA** vide affidavit dated: 28/4/2023 Before Notary **R.Basavaraja** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smita Chandrashekhara Jalagar**, resident of No 36, Behind Traffic Police Station, Shri Shiva Sai Nagar, near Mudenagudi Layout, VTC: Gadag P O Sub District Shihatti, District Gadag, Karnataka-582101, presently residing at Salarpur Satva Melody, Flat No F202, 2nd Floor, Nayadahanalli, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560039, have changed my name from **Smita Jalagar** to **Smita Chandrashekhara Jalagar**, vide affidavit dated 3/5/2023 sworn to before N. Sandhya advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sri. Vamsikrishna B S, S/o. Sri. Sundar Rao, Aged about 40 years, R/at Flat No.011, Block A, Ground Floor, 'Sumuka Kalpavruksha', Kodi Chikkanahalli Main Road, Doctors Layout, Bengaluru-560 078. Herby declare that, I have changed my minor daughter's (Aged 9 years) name from 'RAMA DEVI BHAGAVATHULA' to 'SRI SAHASRAKSHI RAMA DEVI BHAGAVATHULA'. vide Affidavit dated 03.05.2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary R Sulakshana, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUSHPA DHANSUKHLAL** alias **PUSHPA BEN**, age 71 years, W/o Mr. Dhansukhlal, R/at No. 39/40, Bazaar Street, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru-560 025 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **PUSHPA DHANSUKHLAL** and **PUSHPA BEN** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PUSHPA DHANSUKHLAL** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 02nd May 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA C.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAHANA S.S** (Sahana Sreedhara Singri), D/o S.N. Sreedhara, aged about 37 years, R/at 115, 13th Cross, Pavamana Nagar, Kemballahalli Main Road, Opposite to Fiton Sports Club, Guttigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560083, do hereby declare that my correct name is **SAHANA S.S** (Sahana Sreedhara Singri) but in some of my records my name is mentioned as **SAHANA SHRIDHAR SINGRI** instead of **Sahana Sreedhara Singri** (SAHANA S.S), henceforth I shall be known and called as **Sahana Sreedhara Singri** (SAHANA S.S) in all records and in my passport, vide affidavit dated 02-05-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUSHPAVATHI B.S** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISHA JAIN GANDHI .K.**, W/o Mr. Gaurav Jain, aged about 24 years, R/at 12, Mathru Nilaya, Flat 202, Sweet Water Well Road, Nagashettyahalli, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANISHA JAIN GANDHI .K** and **MANISHA JAIN** to **MANISHA JAIN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANISHA JAIN** only, vide affidavit dated 01-10-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **CHANDRASHEKHARIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUDHAGAR M** veterans resident of 1/72, Big Street, Munjipet, Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632057 to declare change the name of my daughter from **DEVANSHI .S.G** to **DEVANSHI .S** vide affidavit dated 18 April 2023 before T. Mallikarjuna Advocate & Notary public Gol No C-5 Raja Bhavan quarters Raja Bhavan, Bangalore - 560001.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **OMPRAKASH BISHNOI**, aged about 71 years, S/o Manghood Ram Bishnoi, R/at No. 2063, B Wing, Sobha Garrison, Nagasandra, Opposite Nagasandra Metro station, Tumkur Road, Bangalore-560073, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **OMPRAKASH** to my new name **OMPRAKASH BISHNOI**, vide affidavit dated 02-05-2023, bearing E-Stamp Certificate No. IN-KAS5314716875900V, duly sworn to before **Sri Ramasanjeevaiah .K.V.**, Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MADHUMATHI DODDABELA BASAVARAJ**, aged about 84 years, W/o Dr. Shivnanda Resident of No. 608, Siddhi, 7th Main, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaramanager Near Ward Office 100, Bangalore North, Basaveshwaramanager, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MADHUMATHI DODDABELA BASAVARAJ** and **MADHUMATHI** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MADHUMATHI DODDABELA BASAVARAJ** only, vide affidavit dated 02-05-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RATNA .N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S.M. THIMMARAYAPPA** S/o S.T.M Dass, R/at #11, 1st Cross, 25 feet Road, Saraswathipuram, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name to **S M T KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 03-05-2023 before Notary **S. RAMESH**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAGESHWARI**, Aged about 53 years, W/o. B. Venkatesh, R/at Dr. Chikkanna Building Garden Street, R.S. Palaya, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 033, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AROKIAMARIE** to **MAGESHWARI** vide affidavit dated 03.05.2023 sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TEJESWAR SURAJ V.** Aged about 28 years, S/o. B. Venkatesh, R/at Dr. Chikkanna Building Garden Street, R.S. Palaya, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 033, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SOLOMON TEJESWAR SURAJ** to **TEJESWAR SURAJ V** vide affidavit dated 03.05.2023 sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B. VENKATESH**, Aged about 54 years, S/o. T.S. Balan, R/at Dr. Chikkanna Building Garden Street, R.S. Palaya, Maruthi Seva Nagar, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 033, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DAVID VENKATESH** to **B. VENKATESH** vide affidavit dated 03.05.2023 sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAURABH**, S/o. Chandra Prakash, Aged about 43 years, Residing at Flat No. F4-304, Provident Wellworth City, Marasandra, Doddaturmur Post, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 561 203, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **DIVYARTH** to **DIVYARTH SINHA** vide affidavit dated 02.05.2023 sworn to before G.R. Ravichandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. SANGEETHA E. NIKKAM**, Natural Guardian of S. Snikitha, Residing at No. 198-A, 25th Cross, 7th 'B' Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **S. SNIKITHA** to **SNIKITHA NIKKAM** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2023 sworn to before **Prakash .C.**, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Smt. Assumpta Netto** R/a No 30/1, 1st floor, 2nd Cross, Near Chowdeshwari Temple, HMT Layout, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054. In Bank account, my name was wrongly given as **Mary Assumpta Netto**. My correct name is **ASSUMPTA NETTO**. Vide affidavit Dated : 13.02.2018. Sworn before Notary :A.M. Rama Murthy Reddy.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. SNEHA LATHA ANAND KUMAR** W/o Sri Anand Kumar.R are about 36 years R/at No 90, 5th Cross A sector Amruthnagar Nagar Bangalore North Bangalore-560092 to do hear by declare that my minor Daughters correct name is **HAASINI ANAND** But in her passport bearing no J2995666 Her name is mentioned as **HASINI ANAND ANAND KUMAR** instead of **HAASINI ANAND** vide affidavit dated 3/5/2023 sworn before Advocate and notary A.C.SUBBU SWAMY at Bangalore.

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7 THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES

DR SREENATH S MANIKANTI

WORLD Immunisation Week (WIW) was celebrated worldwide from April 24-30 to create awareness towards steps that need to be taken, to guard people from vaccine-preventable diseases. This year, the theme for WIW is 'The Big Catch-Up' where the World Health Organisation (WHO) is working with its' various partners to get countries which need to be brought back on track for routine vaccinations that they have missed.

Unfortunately, WHO and UNICEF data says that 25 million children missed out on one or more doses of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTP) through routine immunisation services in 2021 alone – the largest sustained decline in childhood vaccinations in approximately 30 years.

2023 has been touted as an opportunity to 'catch-up' on the lost progress in crucial immunisations. Hence, the goal of WIW is for more children, adults and their communities to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases, allowing them to live happier, healthier lives.

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Wanitha Ashok is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

1 MYTH: Mangoes cause weight gain?
FACT: Mangoes are packed with vitamin A and C, iron, magnesium, potassium, copper as well as fat-free, sodium-free, & cholesterol-free properties. They can boost your immunity as they are rich in Vitamin A, C, and anti-oxidants. As they are rich in Vitamin C, they are good for hair and skin as well. They are good for the health of the heart too. The fibre content in mangoes induces a feeling of satiety, so when eaten in moderation mangoes are totally fine. Anyday more nutritious than junk food. Mangoes have just 0.4gm of fat per 100 gms. Moreover, it is cholesterol-free. It has 14 gms of sugar per 100 gms and a oreo

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES

1 Transmission happens in different ways:
Infectious diseases can be transmitted through various ways, for example direct contact with an infected person, through an airborne bacteria or virus (by coughing or sneezing), through ingesting contaminated water, through contact with contaminated surfaces, through mosquito bites and more.

2 Symptoms of transmissible disease in children: The symptoms of transmissible diseases in children can vary depending on the specific disease. Some common symptoms that children with transmissible diseases experience are fever, cough, runny nose, diarrhoea, vomiting, rashes, fatigue & headache. It is important to note that not all children with transmissible diseases will experience all of these symptoms, and some children may not have any symptoms at all. If you suspect that your child has a transmissible disease, it is important to seek medical attention as soon as possible.

3 Vaccine Preventable Diseases are also common in older populations: Older adults may be at a higher risk of contracting certain transmissible diseases due to age-related changes in the immune system. With increasing age, morbidity and mortality caused by these infections also increases. Pneumococcal disease, influenza and other infectious diseases such as COVID-19 cause high mortality rates in elderly above the age of 65 years.

4 Long-term potential morbidity effect:
Some vaccine preventable diseases can have long-term effects on the body, even after the infection has been treated. For example, people who have tuberculosis or pertussis or COVID-19 may experience lung damage that affects their breathing for the rest of their lives.

5 Infectious diseases are preventable:
We are making vital progress against today's biggest health challenges. Vaccines can help create a world where people are safe from VPDs. With the right prevention and treatment, many transmissible diseases can be controlled and even eliminated, recent example – eradication of Polio. Thus, vaccinations are important to build immunisation to fight infectious diseases.

6 Easy to practice precautions that decrease transmission: Many transmissible diseases can be prevented through simple measures such as washing your hands regularly, drinking clean water, wearing a mask, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, and getting timely vaccines.

7 Importance of routine immunisation:
Existing gaps in vaccination schedules not only put children at risk but also other vulnerable populations at risk. Hence, it is important to ensure that not only are primary vaccines administered, but also that booster vaccinations are taken on priority to complete the circle of protection. As we make vital progress against today's biggest health challenges, vaccines ensure a world where people are safe from vaccine preventable diseases. Vaccinations ensure that we live fulfilling lives. Let's catch up to get ahead together as a community.

NUGGETS

Low fat foods may prolong life, less carbs can raise death risk: Study

Eating low-carbohydrate diets may raise the risk of early death, claimed a study while noting that food products low on fat can prolong life. Short-term clinical trials have shown the effectiveness of low-carbohydrate diets and low-fat diets for weight loss and cardiovascular benefits. Low-fat diets include whole grain food, lean meat, reduced fat dairy, vegetables, lentils and fruits. Low-carbohydrate diets, on the other hand, restrict carbohydrate consumption relative to the average diet. Foods high in carbohydrates are limited, and replaced with foods containing a higher percentage of fat and protein, as well as low carbohydrate foods. The study, led by an international team of researchers from universities of Peking in China, Harvard and Tulane in the US, included 371,159 participants aged 50-71 years. The participants were followed for 23.5 years, and 165,698 deaths were recorded. —**IAN**S

Study finds healthy internet use may help protect against dementia

Scientists have found that regular internet use can reduce the dementia risk and healthy online engagement may help develop and maintain cognitive functions. Regular internet users experienced approximately half the risk of dementia than non-regular users. Being a regular internet user for longer periods in late adulthood was associated with delayed cognitive impairment, although further evidence is needed on potential adverse effects of excessive usage, according to new research published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. For the study, investigators followed 18,154 dementia-free adults aged 50 to 64 years for a median of 7.9 years and a maximum of 17.1 years. During follow-up, 4.68 per cent of participants were diagnosed with dementia. Regular internet usage was associated with approximately half the risk of dementia compared with non-regular usage. —**IAN**S

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777 CHARLIE ADDS ANOTHER FEATHER TO ITS CAP

A SHARADHAA

On June 10, debutant director K Kiranraj's *777 Charlie* is set to celebrate its first anniversary of release, and yet, the film continues to be the hot topic. The latest news from the camp is the adventure drama, which stars Rakshit Shetty, is officially selected to be screened at the 13th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival in Delhi. In addition, Kiranraj is also set to receive the Best Director award at the festival.

Expressing his excitement about the recognition, Kiranraj says, "I believe that recognition at such a level is nothing but the result of the efforts and hard-work of the entire cast and crew. At one point, our Kannada films didn't even make it past the State borders, but now we have the opportunity to compete and win, which is a great honour. While individual stars are being felicitated at national platforms, it's equally essential for a film to receive recognition."

Interestingly, *777 Charlie* continues to be in demand, and the Japanese version of the film is expected to be released between June and August. Kiranraj also revealed that the film will be released in Latin America and Taiwan soon.

The comedy-drama adventure bankrolled by features Sangeetha Sringeri, Raj B Shetty, Sharvari, and Bobby Simha. The film has music by Nobin Paul, and cinematography by Arvind Kashyap.



The comedy drama adventure is officially selected at the 13th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival 2023, and is also set for a release in Japan, Latin America, and Taiwan



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Kiranraj's next to be an unconventional horror comedy

Kiranraj, who is still receiving acclaim for his directorial debut *777 Charlie*, has already started work on his next project. The film is said to be a horror comedy-fantasy adventure. According to the director, the film is not going to be a typical horror comedy but will be a logical take on the genre. "The film will be made on a larger scale than *777 Charlie*, and a lot of research is being done during the scripting stage," Kiranraj shares. He also revealed plans to make it a bilingual film with dubbed versions in multiple languages.

Kiranraj took a year to pen the script for *777 Charlie*, and he expects to take the same amount of time for his sophomore project. The director reveals that he is halfway through writing the script and is experiencing the same excitement and creative energy that he felt while writing for *777 Charlie*. "Although it's taking time, I can't wait to present the finished product to the audience. The pre-production work is currently underway," he says.

Kiranraj shares that a horror comedy will be quite a challenge for him. "Even *777 Charlie* was not a simple genre. Likewise, making someone laugh and scared at the same time is complicated. It's a strange genre, and it's a challenge to achieve this feat. That's why not many filmmakers attempt it," he says, adding, "While commercial films, love dramas, and thrillers can be a safe bet, horror comedy is rare and takes time."

The filmmaker reveals that he plans to implement a lot of realistic elements in his subject. "Although *777 Charlie* had fictional elements, it did have relatable and realistic moments. The same idea will be implemented in this project," he says. When asked if he personally experienced fear, Kiranraj revealed that he was scared of being out after dark at one point in his life, but there came a time, he had to work during the night. "I believe that exploring outside of one's comfort zone leads to growth and creativity," he signs off.

Kiranraj K



Dheera Sarja along with team Dheera Samrat

Dheera Sarja launches first single of Dheera Samrat

CE FEATURES

The upcoming film *Dheera Samrat*, starring newbie Rakesh Biradar and Adhivithi Shetty is all set to hit screens soon. Recently, the first single from the film, *En Chandava*, was launched by popular actor Dheera Sarja at an event. The song has been written by Chethan Kumar, with music composed by Raghav Subhash.

The film has been written and directed by Pawan Kumar, also known as Pachi, who previously worked as a presenter and program head for over 15 years. He has also contributed to the lyrics and dialogues for the title song and stars in a negative character in the film.

Speaking at the event, Dheerasarja shared that the film was originally meant to be released on his brother, late Chiranjeevi Sarja's birthday, but it got postponed. The director highlighted that everyone involved in the project is new to the industry. "Pachchi had helped me promote the title song of *Addhuri*, when he was a programmer, and it is time for me to stand by him," Dheera Sarja added, wishing the team.

The makers have kept the character details under wraps, they have revealed that it is a story of five brave boys and 'has a suspense-filled plot with a thrilling climax'. Produced by Guru Bandi under Tanvi Production House, the film also features Shobraj, Ramesh Bhat, Balrajwadi and Manmohan Rai. It has cinematography by Arun Suresh as the DOP. The film is now in the post-production stage and the makers are aiming for a June release.

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

In 2012, at the height of Marvel Cinematic Universe's popularity, Kevin Feige took the stage at the San Diego Comic-Con and announced that they would next be making a film about a talking raccoon and a sentient tree. Of course, there were some understandable concerns that it would spell the beginning of the end for the franchise. 11 years after first meeting this ragtag group of space mercenaries, director James Gunn is back with the third instalment of the much-loved franchise. While it has been confirmed that the upcoming film will end the story for this group of Guardians, Gunn reveals that the trilogy has always been about *Rocket Raccoon*. "Having Rocket at the heart of this story was always my intention," he says, before elaborating, "This is a little animal who was taken and turned into something he shouldn't be and felt completely ostracised and alienated from every other life form in the galaxy and was angry because of that, and he is angry because he's really scared. That loneliness is the centre of *Guardians of the Galaxy*."

However, loneliness isn't necessarily always about being alone. Sometimes, overcoming depressing feelings of loneliness could just be about learning to be by yourself in peace. Gunn is tackling that facet of loneliness as well, as evinced by Chris Pratt's answer to what Star-Lord aka Peter Quill goes through in Volume 3. "In the first movie, he was a young man learning to care about something other than himself. And then the second film was

'Loneliness is the centre of Guardians of the Galaxy'

...says writer-director James Gunn, who talks about his upcoming film, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.3*, along with Chris Pratt, who plays the eccentric leader of the guardians, Peter Quill AKA Star-Lord

about Quill wanting to learn more about himself. I think the arc of the third movie is Quill learning to be okay on his own and learning."

Gunn reiterates that point succinctly by saying, "The first film is the story of the mother, the second film is the story of the father, and this film is the story of the self." A major part of Chris Pratt's character was tied to his relationship with Gamora, played by Zoe Saldana in the film. After her character was killed by Thanos in *Avengers: Endgame* and a



James Gunn

Chris Pratt

version of Gamora from the past was brought to the present, fans were left wondering how the character, who now has no memory of her love for Peter Quill, was going to be handled in the third film. However, Pratt manages to assuage fears regarding Gamora's treatment in the film. "Gamora is one of the best-written characters I've ever seen, and I love the arc that she goes through in this third instalment. It will really flip people on their heads and defy their expectations as to how you should end a trilogy with two people who have been in love before."

According to the director, *GOTG Vol.3* will be more emotional than the previous films, and while endings are always emotional in a story, the heaviness of its closure has affected the cast as well. Chris Pratt says, "The fact that I get to be part of something that's just so universally loved and will be living on screens long after I'm no longer living on this planet, is remarkable." While the rest of the cast has echoed Pratt's feelings numerous times, *GOTG Vol.3* might be a tad bit more personal to one man, more than the others, and that is its writer-director James Gunn. One wouldn't have expected a film about a wholesome group of bounty hunters in space to be semi-autobiographical for its creator but that seems to be the case for Gunn. He reveals rather poignantly that a story about a talking raccoon with a tortured past is at its heart, about him. He says, "It's really been rewarding for me to make this movie, which is such a personal statement because Rocket is me and this is about me."

SYDNEY CHANDLER JOINS THE CAST OF NEW ALIEN SERIES

CE FEATURES

Sydney Chandler will play the lead in Noah Hawley's television series *Alien*, which is set in the universe of the film franchise. The plot details of the upcoming horror adventure are yet to be disclosed. Hawley's *Alien* series is the first television show from the film's universe.

Unlike previous projects in the franchise, *Alien* will be the first series to be set in the near future and to take place on Earth. Ripley's (Sigourney Weaver) appearance in the series, however, cannot be expected as the events of the series are set to happen in a completely different part of this universe's timeline. Looks like Chandler will now be recognised as the new lead of the

Alien universe.

Chandler was last seen in *Don't Worry Darling*, 2022's psychological thriller. Currently, she only has one small role in a major production coming up.

Hawley's *Alien* is not the only reboot from the film franchise that is in the works. Previously, it was also announced that Fede Álvarez is working on a new film set in the world

established by the 1979 classic *Alien*, helmed by Ridley Scott. The film's production will begin in Spring, with Cailee Spaeny, Isabela Merced and David Jonsson as the cast.



Sydney Chandler